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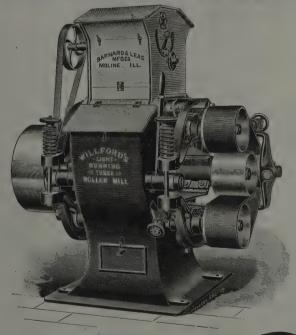
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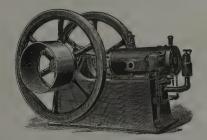
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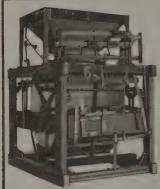
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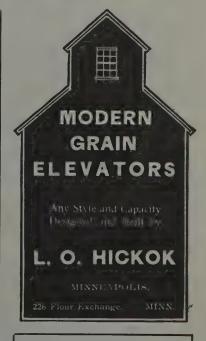
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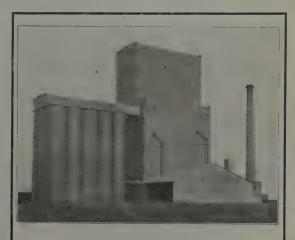
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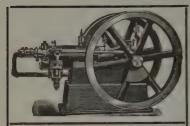
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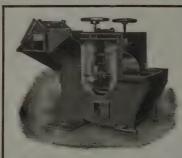
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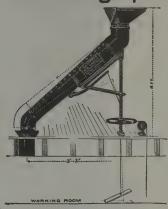
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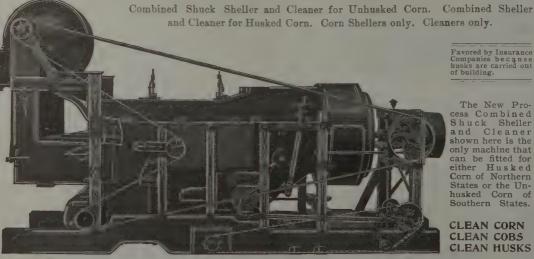
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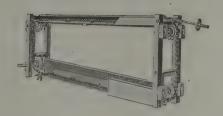
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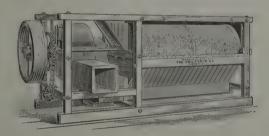


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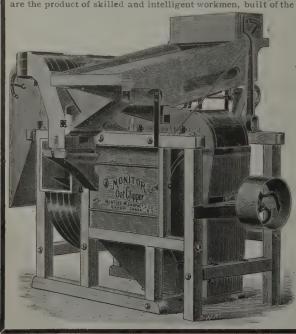
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MIXING wheat by elevator men can not be the evil practice alleged by millers, in view of the announcement that a northwestern milling company will erect a very large elevator exclusively for cleaning and mixing.

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CARLOADERS which reduce grain passing thru them to meal need adjusting. Dealers who apply enuf power to car loaders to send grain thru the ends of the car must expect to reduce the grade. The fine stuff may pack in so tightly as to cause the load to heat. Too great a fall thru loading spout may cause the same trouble. It behooves shippers to visit central markets occasionally and inspect the condition of the grain upon ar-

CROP reports on cotton do not seem to be satisfactory, either to the Cotton Growers Ass'n or to the spinners ass'n. At a meeting of the Soft Yarn Spinners Ass'n, in Atlanta recently, a resolution was adopted asking that the government crop reports on cotton be discontinued. Every one interested would be pleased to have the reports improved, but few in the grain trade would ask their discontinuance. The trade at large recognizes that the reports are not entirely reliable, but, in the absence of anything better, grain dealers are unwilling to dispense with them.

TELEFONE trades admit of so many misunderstandings, it is essential that each party send the other explicit confirmation by mail, the same day. Then if any misunderstanding exists it may be corrected before it is too late to do so without loss to one or the other.

SEED-CORN specials are gaining popularity, and the Illinois Central has now decided to send one over its lines in Illinois. The Indiana Ass'n has become interested in the work and no doubt the dealers of this state will lend their influence in the selection of better seed.

ORGANIZE corn clubs in your office every day the farmers come to town. Conduct growing tests of their seed or any corn obtainable. Get them interested in determining how much of their seed will germinate before they plant it. Then will you have more and better corn to handle.

UNLESS senders and recipients of telegrams thoroly understand one another both will pay for many messages. Efforts to collect at both ends are generally supposed to be due to error, but the error is repeated so frequently some one must profit by the lack of system. Those who enjoy paying for prepaid messages will have no occasion to guard against this exaction.

CORN is never known to have been improved by storing in uncovered cribs, yet recent reports from Indiana and Missouri are to the effect that much corn is stored by farmers in roofless cribs, so that rain, snow and hail can beat in upon it and help in its deterioration. Buyers who accept such corn at ruling prices encourage farmers to continue their slack methods of storing. They must sell by grade, hence is behooves them to buy by grade and discriminate against the poor stuff.

EAR CORN buyers continue to complain that their purchases fall far short of delivery weights when the grain is shelled. This is not true of all sections, but the experience of many dealers on this year's corn is to the effect that they lose from I to 3 cents by shelling. Inasmuch as it is not difficult to determine accurately how much moisture is contained in corn, it would seem to behoove country buyers to dry out and shell some corn from each section at the beginning of every crop and learn as to the probable shrinkage thru evaporation and shelling. Ofttimes cobs contain more moisture than they are generally credited with containing. A little investigation will place the buyer on his guard against paying too high a price for water. In any state but Kentucky water is always cheaper than corn or its juice. Don't pay corn prices for it.

UNIFORM Bs-L and uniform classification are very desirable from a shippers standpoint, but not to be tolerated when used as a ruse to foist new and uncalled for charges upon the shipping public.

THE exemption of grain alcohol used by manufacturers from internal revenue taxation would greatly encourage and aid some lines of manufacture and increase the demand for and value of corn and salvage grain.

THE elevator corn sheller has been fed watches, boulders, boys, whiffle-trees and old iron time without number. The latest effort of a sheller to gobble up everything in sight is reported from Gilbert, Ia., where a sheller in the eltr. of B. A. Lockwood, ex-president of the National Ass'n attempted to digest a lantern. The fire was extinguished, but a new sheller will be necessary.

IF YOU doubt that an elevator full of stored grain is a strong factor in the country market where it exists, just fill your house with such grain and listen joyfully to your competitors marking up the price on stray wagon loads until it passes even the price existing in terminal markets. Somehow farmers having stored grain always learn of the high prices. The trick is an old one, but it is one of the shrewdest remedies for free storage ever instituted.

NO SHIPPER can afford to sell grain subject to reinspection ten to forty days after its arrival in a terminal market, neither can any buyer fairly demand such an unlimited guarantee of quality. It is folly for shippers to permit their grain to be sold subject to such unreasonable terms. It will break any who persist in it. Instruct your commission man to sell your grain "subject to reinspection in 24 hours or not at all." The buyer is not the only man who has a voice in each trade.

THE Illinois public warehouse law, which has been copied by Missouri, Minnesota and several other states, was enacted as the result of swindles by public warehouse men in Chicago during the early 70's. A firm of public warehousemen-Munn & Scott-who were also grain dealers and speculators, installed false bottoms in their elevators, so that they were able almost to empty their elevators of grain before the corner collapsed and the fraud was discovered. No doubt the operator of the public warehouse has some advantages over other traders which gives him much profit for his trouble, else we would not have public elevator men dealing in grain in defiance of the laws of the state. It would seem that in the interest of the trade such public warehouses should be placed in the hands of disinterested parties and kept there.

WHEN your method of bookkeeping makes it necessary for a customer to wait half an hour to learn how much is still due him on grain delivered it needs systematizing and simplifying. Your lack of system is casting suspicion on your honesty.

THE WIDE variation in the shipping terms and rules of the different exchanges result in frequent misunderstanding and confuse many experienced dealers who strive to keep posted. Uniformity of terms and rules would minimize the opportunity for confusion and differences. The advantage to all from the general adoption of simple uniform rules shud of itself be sufficient to bring about the change, yet reforms in which scattered persons are interested are seldom effected without a lard worker takes an active lead.

DEALERS who will not arbitrate or abide by the decisions of arbitration committees are seldom safe persons to do business with. So many dealers are willing to accept the unprejudiced judgment of their fellow dealers as to what constitutes fair dealing that it is far safer and more satisfactory to deal with them. Those who so discriminate not only assist the associations in strengthening the cause of fair dealing but they exert a converting influence on outsiders who are not disposed to give any consideration to the rights of the other man.

REPORTS from Illinois points of corn in store heating so much as to cause heavy loss to elevator men because of their inability to obtain cars continue to reach us. One dealer at Homer suffered a loss of about \$2,500, and at Chebanse the grain in the elevator became so caked it could not be run out thru the Steam continually emanated from the louvres of the cupola. For all of these losses the carriers are to blame, inasmuch as they have failed to supply shipping facilities for the dealers who are unable to move their grain. If shippers oftener insisted on carriers making good losses which they force upon them, they would not experience so much trouble in obtaining cars when needed.

IN THE primary markets of spring wheat territory wheat is docked one, two, three or five lbs. to the bushel for dirt and foreign matter, while in the other markets of the country wheat which is dirty is given a lower grade. Out of the 109,160 cars of the crop of 1904 received at Minnesota terminals only 14,902 escaped dockage. The net average dockage on the total receipts was 18.6 ounces per bushel which was nearly three ounces below the average dockage of 1903. Still the percentage of dirt shipped to central markets at the grain tariff per hundred is entirely too large. If the dealers can not resist the

desire to ship dirt and foreign matter they should place it in a separate car, obtain a lower rate of freight on the shipment and sell the dirt to the mixers. Then more profit would accrue to them.

CATALOG-HOUSE SCALES.

Remarkable as it may seem, recent investigations have developed the fact that some grain buyers of the penny-wise pound-foolish class have recently been guilty of installing catalog-house scales in hope of saving a few dollars, and then had the temerity to kick so hard on shortages that an investigation resulted, with the development of the fact that they were not equipped to weigh grain.

Most country shippers would as soon think of employing a boy to pay out money for grain as to buy the cheapest excuse for a scale obtainable to weigh their grain. Not only are good scales necessary, but it is also essential that they be properly installed and frequently inspected. Then only will the elevator man know that his scales are correct.

CHECK INSPECTORS FOR CENTRAL MARKETS.

An excellent suggestion was made at the recent meeting of the Indiana Ass'n, which, by the way, was one of the best and largest attended meetings the organization has ever held, to the effect that the assn's co-operate in the selection of a check inspector at each one of the central markets. The primary purpose of this check inspector would be, of course, to check the work of the grain inspectors in that market, as relates to the offgrades.

The inspectors of every market would surely strive to do more uniform work and to fit themselves for greater efficiency if they knew their work was to be checked by a representative of the shippers. The innovation would also result in the education of the country shipper to a clearer conception of the difficulties under which central market inspectors now labor. The indefinite rules, which admit of widely varying interpretations, would soon have to give way to explicit rules which would enable the determination of all grades with accuracy, uniformity and positive correctness, whenever a difference of opinion arose as to the grade of a given car of grain.

One of the greatest benefits to be derived from shippers taking a more active, watchful interest in the grading of their grain in central markets would be the ducation of themselves to the wide variation in the quality of grain which would surely result in their buying, classifying and shipping grain by grade. The old-time method of shipping all corn as corn is reckless, wasteful and expensive, and should not be tolerated, even the competitors do so.

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The suggestions for check inspectors should be encouraged by the official boards controlling the inspections in every market, for their establishment is sure to result in benefit to the entire trade.

CONVICTED OF FORGING Bs-L.

As is related by our Wichita correspondent, the famous Mr. Burke has been convicted of forging bills of lading for grain. Unlike Mr. Ricketts he did not succeed in escaping with the receivers' money. In fact, he did his work in such a bungling manner as to arouse suspicion at the start, hence failed to profit by his wrong-doing.

Mr. Harroun, the shrewdest of all forgers, secured such a strong line of creditors that they did not hesitate to keep him in business when found out, and thus encouraged others to go and do likewise. The two Ohio forgers—Hynson and Storer—who are now enjoying themselves in old Mexico with money obtained from banks, railroads and receivers, will remain undisturbed as long as they stay beyond the United States boundary.

It would seem that the bankers, receivers and the railroads were sufficiently interested to devise some plan for safeguarding blank bills of lading. All are interested. The receivers being more in danger of falling easy prey to the forgers have more to gain by reform in this matter than even the banks or the railroads, and a move for a change must be inaugurated by them, if real protection is to be obtained.

WORK OF ARBITRATION COM-MITTEES.

The work of the arbitration committees of the different assn's continues to result in benefits to the trade at large as well as the settlement of many differences in keeping with the rules and customs of the trade, and without prejudice to future business relations among the parties interested. As the work continues new ideas creep out here and there, much to the surprise of pioneers in the work, who thought the methods of arbitration had been perfected long ago. Some of the committees have always made public their reports in full and given good and substantial reasons for their decisions, with the result that all readers of their findings have been helped to a fairer idea of the rights of the other tellow in their own differences.

In no arbitration, statement we have known of has the committee permitted spite, venom and animosity to enter. The lawyers who have long waxed fat on trade disputes have striven to stir their clients to a feeling of vengeance, lest the case be settled out of court by the contending parties.

A new idea has recently been brought

forward by the Kansas arbitration committee, which settles many cases entirely by correspondence. In all the cases considered during the past year each member of the committee rendered his opinion without knowing the opinion of his fellow committeemen, and in each case were these decisions uranimous. Where hearings are granted there is a tendency of the members of the committee to lean somewhat on one another, but when each gives a sealed written opinion to the secretary without knowledge of the others, there is no opportunity for the opinions of any to be biased by that of another.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATES.

Shippers are always entitled to certificates of inspection and weights, and inasmuch as some parties are issuing private certificates in a few markets, it behooves every shipper to insist upon having official certificates. It is a comparatively easy matter to learn who are the efficial inspectors and weighers of the different markets to which you ship.

In the interest of your own business you should keep posted along this line and invariably demand all official papers relating to your shipment. Then will you know whether or not you are making a settlement on the basis of private or official weights and grades. In most of the well-organized markets certificates of inspection on grain or seed which falls below the contract grades bear notations explaining why it has not graded contract.

DISCOUNTS FOR OFF-GRADES.

So many shippers of corn have suffered heavy losses recently owing to their corn getting out of condition and being subjected to heavy discounts that the very word "discount" has become a nightmare with nearly every corn shipper. It was the all-absorbing topic at the recent meeting of the Indiana Ass'n and crept out at unexpected times in consideration of other subjects.

Judging from the bitter complaints made by some of the shippers, profits for the entire season have been sacrificed to heavy discounts. Some of the most practical suggestions for relieving the trouble are that uniform grades be established in the different markets and that a uniform scale of discounts be established for corn grading better than "no grade" or "rejected." This, of course, furnishes no relief for shippers who are so unfortunate as to have corn arrive in such a bad condition as to grade "no grade" and "rejected."

In some markets sellers of corn are required to report the names of buyers, just as the agents of sellers in the pit are required to report the names of option buyers. The shipper is surely entitled to have full value for his corn.

Some avoid heavy discounts by instructing buyers to turn all cars failing to grade over to a receiver to be sold for their account.

Many have suffered so much as to be bitterly opposed to selling anything on track subject to discount when it fails to grade. The Indiana Assn adopted resolutions against selling for, future shipment, but of course this is not likely to be complied with.

Discounts will continue to be a cause of irritation in the trade so long as shippers who sell on track are not equipped

to dry their own grain.

FREIGHT RATE REGULATION LEGISLATION,

Judging from reports now emanating from Washington, the Hepburn Bill is to pass the House. This may not be exactly in keeping with the recommendations of the President, but judging from the endorsement given it by different shipping interests and by both the republican and democratic members of the Committee, it is likely to give the shipping public protection. One of the late amendments in the phraseology of the bill provides for "Just, reasonable and fairly remunerative rates, which shall be the maximum that may be charged."

Pres. Stickney of the Chicago & Great Western seems to be decidedly in favor

Pres. Stickney of the Chicago & Great Western seems to be decidedly in favor of government regulation. He says, "The law of self-preservation as well as of fairness and justice demands that the people, thru the government, should control railway rates by law." His own road has suffered as the result of competition with other roads, which did not hesitate to give rebates, and it is but natural that he should ask protection from such unfair competition for his road and for the shippers and receiving the rebates.

shippers not receiving the rebates.

The people are surely aroused and propose that privileges shall no longer be extended to shippers, no matter how large a patronage they have to offer. The sentiment prevails that if privileges are to be continued all will soon be driven out of business by the recipients thereof, as in the oil business. Fair and equitable treatment for all shippers as well as fair rates for the railways is all that is asked. Nothing less will satisfy, and this the President is anxious and the House of Representatives willing to give, but the United States Senate has such a large representation from the railroads of the country that it will be necessary for the shippers in all sections of the country to keep after every member with telegrams and letters if the needed legislation is to be attained. Your business demands that you act now.

THE MEMPHIS Grain & Hay Ass'n has inaugurated a war on the short-weight grain bag in earnest. So large a percentage of the grain business of the Southeast is conducted in packages of uniform weight that nearly every shipper to that section is now prepared to pack grain, chops, bran and mill-feed in even weight bags. Some shippers, discovering that buyers seldom weigh the packages, have put up grain in short-weight packages, with the result that they have been brought into disrepute with the few buyers who are alert. The campaign now being conducted is so vigorous that every buyer is likely to be placed on his guard and, for a time at least, short-weight packers will find it necessary to suspend business.

Letters From Dealers

[Here is the grain dealers forum for the discussion of grain trade methods, practices and needed reforms. When you have anything to say of interest to members of the grain trade, send it to the Journal so your convictions will be given wide circulation and have great influence. Write it now.]

FOUR ELEVATORS ON WHEELS

Grain Dealers Journal: As a matter of news and part evidence of how our large crop is being moved with the greatest possible economy, we wish to state that this company recently received four cars of grain from one shipper on the N. P. system. Each car contained at least 2000 bus., while one car, the banner car, and the largest registered weight of wheat in a single bulk ever received in this market, was contained in N. P. car No. 42180, 2330 bus. Total weight of the four cars, 8750 bus. Yours truly, H. Poehler Company, Minneapolis.

PHILADELPHIA POSTPONES IN-SPECTION IN BAD WEATHER.

Grain Dealers Journal: We notice in the Journal of Jan. 10 an article by Mr. W. L. Shellabarger of Decatur, Ill., on the handling of grain at New Orleans, in which he says: "One point that impressed me very favorably was that when unfavorable weather prevailed no grain was flavorable weather prevailed no grain was inspected," and concludes by stating, "do not know of another market in the country where such consideration is shown the shipper."

We wish to state for Mr. Shellabarger's information as well as the other shippers that this has been done in the Philadelphia market for the past 20 years to the writer's personal knowledge. J. B. Pultz & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

ST. LOUIS WEIGHTS.

Grain Declers Journal: The following is an extract from a letter written by a St. Louis Commission firm to one of our

members, to wit:

"We note what you say about having carefully weighed and checked your weights on this car and demanding that same be placed where only Merchants Exchange weights are obtainable for you. Of course, we would be pleased to follow your instructions to the letter, though as we have indicated to you heretofore, we often have to sacrifice the price of grain in endeavoring to place it where only Merhants. Explants a weights are obtained. chants Exchange weights are obtainable. This is from the fact that quite a following of our good feeders' trade are not under the supervision of our Merchants Exchange Bureau and therefore are not able change Bureau and therefore are not able to furnish these kinds of weights. OFT-ENTIMES WE ARE ABLE TO SECURE BETTER PRICES FOR OUR GRAIN FROM THIS TRADE THAN FROM THE ELEVATORS, WHO FURNISH MERCHANTS EXCHANGE WEIGHTS, but it is always our desire to blease our customers and if you prefer please our customers and if you prefer to have your grain sold only on Mer-chants Exchange weights, we will be pleased to act accordingly and follow your suggestions."
You will please note especially the state-

ment "oftentimes we are able to secure better prices for grain from this trade than from the elevators who furnish Merchants Exchange weights."

I want to impress shippers with these facts: Merchants Exchange Supervision of Weights means that a deputy who is absolutely in the employ and responsible to the Merchants Exchange of St. Louis, personally stands at the scales and enters in his book the weights of your grain. He keeps careful watch of the scales that they weigh accurately and that all the grain goes into the scales. He examines the cars placed for unloading and makes note of their physical condition and makes rec-ord of the car seals. A scale inspector is continually employed to inspect the scales thus supervised and a force of private watchmen having police authority are employed by the Merchants Exchange to protect the accounts of the spinors in the tect the property of the shipper in the railroad yards.

When grain is unloaded at elevators or tracks having no supervision, shippers simply have weights of no authority, no record of condition of cars and car seals, no services of watchmen or scale inspec-tor. If shippers have shortage because of leakage or stealage in transit they have no recourse on railroad company because they have no official evidence of con-dition of car or car seals. The most premium that shippers can expect on sales as suggested by this commission firm would not exceed one-half cent per bushel and a shortage of only a very few bushels

ill absorb such premium.
The shipper to whom the letter men tioned was addressed had a shortage of 3.870 pounds on a car previously shipped and sold without Merchants Exchange Supervision of weights. It is not merely a question of honest weights, but of general protection. Shippers shud not fail to give commission firm instructions with each and every car shipped to St. Louis that it be sold only where Merchants Exchange Supervision of weights can be obtained. Yours truly, Geo. A. Wells, Sec'y, Des Moines, Ia..

ASSOCIATION WORK.

Grain Dealers Journal: A great many things have come to me through m, study at Toledo which make it apparent how helpless the shippers and receivers would be without Association work—meaning Local, State and Nation-There are so many mistakes and misunderstandings, both knowingly and unknowingly, that come between shipper and receiver that without association work, and especially the National, our efforts to compromise matters would be fruitless in the majority of cases.

Some think that because they have paid their dues for a number of years, and have had no occasion for arbitration or assistance from the National Ass'n, they can better afford to discontinue paying their dues. They never stop to consid-er the successes of the National Ass'n in fighting issues which have been a detriment to the grain trade of the past-and one most prominent before our eyes today-rate regulation and discrimination by railroads. The last issue mentioned in itself is of tremendous weight and

This waning interest in Ass'n work is similar to the carrying of fire insurance in that a dealer will carry fire insurance for quite a while and never have-a fire—for example, we will say he has been carrying insurance on his elevator to the

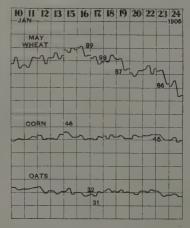
extent of \$10,000, but being fortunate in not having any fires reduces it to \$7000. On reconsideration he further reduces it on reconsideration in turturer reduces to \$4000.00, and finally decides to carry none at all and become his own insurance company. He goes along for a while at this rate, but unfortunately his place catches fire and he is either ruined or crippled financially.

Now for the sake of comparison we will say that when he reduced his fire insurance from ten to seven thousand he withdrew from the National Ass'n, and on reducing from seven to four thousand he withdrew from the State, and finally cancelling his four thousand to become his own insurance company, he withdrew from the Local Ass'n to become an individual Ass'n. I am sorry to say that drew from the Local Ass'n to become an individual Ass'n. I am sorry to say that comparatively little has been accomplished thru individual effort. This dealer becomes entangled in a disagreement with a receiver and is forced to fight matters out on his own ground, whereas had he statished his membership he would have retained his membership he would have means to put his case before an impartial tribunal such as the arbitration commit-tee of the National Ass'n. I think that if a dealer has once been a member of the National Ass'n but withdraws he should be made to pay up back dues in the event that he desires the assistance or the event that he desires the assistance or arbitration features which he as a member would have received. No doubt the Eastern section starting from Chicago is very strongly supported both by receivers and shippers, but this is not the height of ambition for a National Ass'n, for we must bring back to the fold our Western brethren. Without this accomplished we can preven consider our work plished we can never consider our work

I have been in Toledo since the 15th of July, and being an affiliated member of the Ohio to the National I have had the opportunity of meeting Mr. Courcier, secretary of the National. I want to say that he has appealed to me as a man of determination and aggressiveness, and with a will to make the National. and with a will to make the National Ass'n a success. Harry Kress, Toledo,

Chicago Prices

The opening, high, low and closing quotations on wheat, corn and oats for the May delivery at Chicago for two weeks prior to Jan. 25 are given on the chart herewith.



Asked-Answered

[Readers who fail to find information desired on any grain trade subject of general interest should send us their query for free publication here. The experience of your brother dealers is worth con-

COST OF ELECTRIC POWER?

Grain Dealers Journal: How much do country elevator men have to pay for electricity to run a 200 bus. per hour grain cleaner, a small seed cleaner and one elevator leg with 7 in. buckets? Is electricity suitable for such use? H. L. C.

HOW GET RID OF WILDCAT BUY-ERS?

Grain Dealers Journal: Can any of our brother dealers suggest how to get shut of the wildcat buyers who ruin the market for the legitimate dealers? They pay more than the market price and get it back in the weights from the farmer. D. E. McBride, Mountain View, Okla.

L BUILD ELEVATOR; W PNEUMATIC UNLOADER. WANT WILL

Grain Dealers Journal: We noticed in the last issue of the Grain Dealers Journal an illustration of a pneumatic grain un-loader, invented by W. C. Allen, Gurley, Ala. We have written him in regard to its operation and cost but have received no reply. As we are contemplating the erection of an elevator soon we would be pleased to have you inform us if there are any of these devices in use, and also give us full particulars regarding their cost and operation. Hickman & Hickman, Corydon, Ind.

WANTS UNIFORM DISCOUNTS ES-TABLISHED.

Grain Dealers Journal: Judging from Mr. Beggs' query in the last number I am not the only shipper who is convinced that some track buyers depend solely upon unsome track buyers depend solely agon and fair discounts for their profits. I know two who can buy no grain in my section even though their bids are a cent over their competitors. A comparison of notes at a recent meeting here brought out the fact that all of the shippers present had the same experience with these two robbers. Their bids were never accepted save they offered one-half cent over the next highest and their discounts always wiped out more than their premium bid. Sharp game, but we are on and can not be caught again.

I would like to see uniform discounts established for all of the markets more in keeping with the difference in quality. In comparison with the two buyers mentioned some others are very fair in their discounts. A more general comparison of experiences might drive the robbers out of business.—F. J. Rowe.

MOISTURE IN DIFFERENT GRADES?

Grain Dealers Journal: Will the Journal please give in "Asked & Answered" the amount of moisture contained in the various grades of shelled corn as it is shipped on the Chicago market? Also, what is the maximum amount of moisture

in corn which is considered safe for exporting? A Subscriber.

Ans.: No. 2 corn is considered safe to

hold until spring when it contains 15.5 per cent of moisture, tho the inspectors are actually in a few cases grading corn No. 2 with as high as 17.5 per cent. No. 3 corn may contain as high as 19 per cent; No. 4 20 to 26 per cent, and No Grade 28 to 30 per cent. Choice No. 3 corn containing about 17 per cent moisture is considered safe for export. For comparison it may be stated that Toledo grades contain 14 to 16 per cent in No. 3, 17 to 20 per cent in No. 4, and 20 or above in No Grade. Old corn which has dried in the ear in crib will contain about 13 per cent, and kiln dried corn 15.1.

Changes Recommended in Chicago Inspection Rules.

The Illinois Board of R. R. and Warehouse Commissioners held a hearing in the Board of Trade Bldg, to-day which was attended by members of the Board

of Trade and country grain shippers.

A. L. French and J. S. Neville, state railroad and warehouse commissioners, Chief Clerk Geo. B. Powell of the In-Supervising inspector and S. H. Smith and F. J. Kendall, asst. supervising inspectors, were present. Secy. Geo. F. Stone of the Chicago Board of Trade

Upon motion of Mr. Van Ness each one of the new rules as printed in the Nov. 10th number of the Grain Dealers Journal was read and approved or disapproved of.

The changes recommended were to strike out the last section of Rule 7, read-

ing:
"Kiln-dried corn shall in no case grade higher than No. 3,"
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Rule 8 reading,
"Oats that have been sulphured,
bleached or chemically treated shall not be graded at all."

Upon motion of A. Gerstenberg it was moved to substitute for Rule 10, governing the inspection of barley, the rules proposed by the Chicago Barley Ass'n, except that the grade designated as "Feed Bar-ley" shall be known as "No. 1 Feed Bar-ley."

ley" shall be known as "No. I Feed Barley."

RULES PROPOSED BY THE CHICAGO BARLEY ASSOCIATION.

RULE 8.—BARLEY.

NO. 1 BARLEY—Shall be sound, plump, bright, clean and free from other grain, and not scoured nor clipped, shall weigh not less than forty-eight pounds to the measured bushel.

NO. 2 FARLEY—Shall be sound, of healthy color (bright or straw color), reasonably clean and reasonably free from other grain and seeds, and not scoured nor clipped, shall weigh not less than forty-six pounds to the measured bushel.

NO. 3 BARLEY—Shall include slightly shrunken or otherwise lightly damaged Barley, not good enough for No. 2, and not scoured nor clipped, shall weigh not less than forty-four pounds to the measured bushel.

NO. 4 BARLEY—Shall include Barley fit for malting purposes, not good enough for No. 3.

NO. 1 FEED BARLEY—Shall test not less than forty pounds to the measured bushel, shall be cool and reasonably free from other grain and seeds, and not good enough for No. 4, and may include Barley with a strong ground smell or a slightly musty or bin smell.

REJECTED BARLEY—Shall include all Barley testing under forty pounds to the measured bushel, or barley which is badly musty or badly damaged, and not good enough to grade "Feed" Barley, except that Barley which has been

chemically treated shall not be graded at all
BAY EREWING BARLEY—The grades of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Bay Brewing Barley shall conform in all respects to the grades of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Barley, except that they shall be of the Bay Brewing variety, grown in the Far West and on the Pacific Coast.
CHEVALIER BARLEY—The grades of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Chevalier Barley shall conform in all fespects to the grades of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Barley, except that they shall be of the Chevalier variety, grown in the Far West and on the Pacific Coast.

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BAY BREWING MIXED BARLEY—In case of admixture of Bay Brewing Bar-ley with Barley of other grades, it shall be graded according to the quality there-of and classed as 1-2-3 Bay Brewing Mixed Barley.

CHEVALIER MIXED BARLEY—In case of admixture of Chevaller Barley with Barley of other grades, it shall be graded according to the quality thereof and classed as 1-2-3 Chevaller Mixed Barley.

The word "New" shall be dropped after November 1st of each year.

All the other rules were approved of, as

prepared by Chief Inspector Cowen.
Before adjournment the meeting extended a unanimous vote of thanks to the Honorable Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners for the courtesy of the hearing of recommendations for changes in the rules.

The Shippers Protection from Shortages.

By SPECTATOR.

Considerable difference of opinion apconsiderable difference of opinion ap-pears to exist among shippers and re-ceivers of grain over the relative merits and demerits of track and hopper scales. I have seen no small number of letters from commission merchants, to whom complaints of shortages have been made, giving the assurance that there could be no doubt about the accuracy of the weights returned, because the grain was weighed on track scales, operated under the supervision of the local exchange, and that the result agreed with the figures checked off from the railroad company's scales, etc.
On the other hand, the working of hop-

per scales has been equally lauded and great stress has been laid upon the fact that the provisions for checking weights, both personal and mechanical, are as per-fect as human ingenuity can devise. The factors about which little is said, however, are those of human depravity and carelessness, and these are apt at any time to offset the various advantages claimed for either kind of scales.

The best protection for shippers is to keep their own scales in perfect working order, having them frequently tested by reliable experts. Then, if there is any shortage in weight, the responsibility can be definitely fixed either upon the rail-road company which is primarily liable for any deficiency between the quantity of merchandise received for transportation and the quantity actually delivered, or upon the party who unloads the grain, and if the latter is culpable the railroad company will cheerfully aid in fixing the blame where it belongs.

Don't be lulled into inaction by the assurance that the weights at the other end must necessarily be all right, because such and such a system is employed there; but first make sure that there has not been any error in your own weighing, and then follow the matter up until you get full satisfaction from someone, if it takes months to do it.

Grain Committee of Chicago Board of Trade.

One of the most important Committees of the Chicago Board of Trade, perhaps from the grain dealers' standpoint, the most important one, is known as the Grain Committee, composed of the following well known members of the Exchange, all of whom have been selected on account of their long experience in the on account of their long experience in the handling of cash grain, and their recognized ability as judges of grain by samples: H. N. Sager, of J. H. Dole & Co.; C. B. Pierce of Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington; W. N. Eckhardt of Pope & Eckhardt; B. A. Eckhart of Eckhart & Swan Milling Co.; E. L. Glaser of Rosenbaum Bros

This Committee was organized by the Board of Directors, and appointed by the President of the Exchange some two years ago, for the purpose of establishing an official body, one of whose duties should be to work in harmony with, and to co-operate to the fullest extent pos-ible with the State Grain Inspection Department of Illinois, for the purpose of securing and maintaining more uniform and equitable inspection of grain in this market, than perhaps had prevailed in the past. Perhaps our readers are not fully cognizant of the fact that the Inspection Department, under which all grain arriving in this market, is graded, is not a Board of Trade institution, but is a State Department under the control of the Illinois State Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, and under the direct supervision of Chief and Deputy Inspectors appointed by the said officials. It was thought advisable by the Directors of the Chicago Board of Trade that

a Committee of Grain Experts be appointed to confer with the State Inspection Department concerning the grading of grain, and to bring promptly to the attention of such Department, any errors that in the judgment of the Grain Committee might occur from time to time, and which naturally would occur occasionally in the transaction of so vast a volume of business as inspecting daily the thousands of cars of grain arriving in this market, over the many different roads from all sections of the country.

It is evident, now that sufficient time has elapsed since the appointment of this Committee to judge fairly results, that much has been accomplished towards bringing the Board of Trade and Inspection Department of the State into closer relations, and to a better and more general understanding of the difficulties and duties of the State Department.

The Grain Committee feel that the presented grain, and to bring promptly to the at-

duties of the State Department.

The Grain Committee feel that the present Chief Inspector of the State Department, Honorable W. Scott Cowen, is doing all in his power to meet the requirements of his difficult position, and advise us that Mr. Cowen expresses a desire to hear from the grain dealers direct as to any question that may arise concerning the inspection of grain, which in the judgment of the shipper calls for explanation.

One of the most interesting features

One of the most interesting features of the work of the Grain Committee has been its effort to arrive at a more uniform system of determining the proper grade of corn through accurate and scientific moisture tests made by an experienced chemist, results of which it is hoped will lead to correct and uniform grading of grain in this market, particularly during the fall and winter months when the keeping qualities of corn are necessarily dependent largely upon whether it contains an excessive percentage of moisture or

The Grain Committee has under its direct supervision the Board of Trade Department of Grain Sampling and Seed Inspection, and this Department brings to the attention of the Committee cases of inspection that require especial investiga-tion, and particularly brings to the Grain tion, and particularly brings to the Gram Committee almost daily samples of corn for accurate and scientific laboratory tests to determine whether it has been properly graded as shall be disclosed by moisture tests. The result of these tests with the original grading as given the grain by the State Inspectors is then brought to the attention of the Chief Inspector of the State Inspection Department, and in this State Inspection Department, and in this manner, the State Inspectors are kept more closely advised as to the correctness of their original judgment.

In this work, the State Inspection Department and the Grain Committee of the Board of Trada care useful states the

partment and the Grain Committee of the Board of Trade are working closely to-gether and in the utmost harmony, the desire of both being to establish equitable, uniform and satisfactory inspection in this market to the end that the country ship-per may have the best service obtainable per may have the best service obtainable in regard to the grading of his grain, and that the buyer in Eastern Markets may also be protected, knowing they will receive on their purchases the quality of grain described in the Inspection Certificates accompanying shipping documents.

The Board of Directors have established for the general government of the Grain Committee certain rules and receivains.

Committee certain rules and regulations

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE "DE-PARTMENT OF GRAIN SAMPLING AND SEED INSPECTION."

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE "DEPARTMENT OF GRAIN SAMPLING
AND SEED INSPECTION."

First—The Board of Directors shall
appoint a Committee of Five, members
of the Board of Trade, who shall have
and exercise general control over the
Department under the conditions and
provisions contained in Sections 1, 2 and
3 of Rule IV of the Rules of the Board
of Trade of the City of Chicago.

Second—This Committee shall appoint
and fix the compensation of a Chief
Grain Sampler, subject to the approval
of the Board of Directors.

Third—The Chief Grain Sampler shall
furnish a bond for the faithful performance of all and singular the duties of
his office, said bond to be satisfactory
in all respects to the Board of Directors.

Fourth—The Chief Sampler may employ such assistance as needed, when
approved by the "Department of Grain
Sampling and Seed Inspection," and the
Department will fix the compensation
for such assistance.

Fifth—The Department shall make
monthly reports of all receipts and expenditures. All expenses must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Sixth—The charge for services rendered by this Department shall be uniform to all persons, firms and corporations, and shall not be changed without
proper notice being given of the proposed change, such notice to be posted
in a conspicuous place in the Exchange
Room of the Board. This Department
may charge a higher rate in special
cases outside of the Chicago district,
but in no case can it make any reduction
from the established rates.

Seventh—Nothing in the foregoing
regulations shall prevent the buyer or
seller, or his representative, from personally examining any car or cargo of
grain bought or sold under the Rules of
the Board of Trade off the City of Chicago, but under no circumstances can a
Board of Trade official certificate be given by the party thus examining; any unofficial party, or his employer, inspecting
any car or cargo of grain hable not have
the right of appeal to the Grain Committee, unless the grain has been loaded
under the

Eighth—The fees authorized to be col-

lected by this Department for sampling grain shall be as follows:

Thirty (30) cents per carload for sampling grain.

Twenty-five (25) cents per 1,000 bushels for sampling grain loaded into or unloaded from vessels.

Ninth—The Grain Committee shall arrange with the State Grain Inspection Department for the appointment of helpers whose duty it shall be to secure samples of every lot of grain graded by the Department in Chicago, as far as practicable, whether such grading be in or out of elevators or track arrivals. The same facility shall be accorded to such helpers for the purpose of examining and sampling grain loaded into vessels or cars at any private elevator or cleaning house by the proprietors of such houses and their employes, as is now accorded to regular State Inspectors.

Tenth—Such helpers shall be subject to control and discharge by the State Grain Department exactly as are the Deputy Inspectors. They shall be appointed on recommendation of the Grain Committee. Their salaries shall be paid by the State Grain Department with money furnished if necessary by the Board of Trade. When not actively engaged in dutles described by the State Grain Department they shall be subject to control and direction of the Chief Sampler in such work as he may require.

Eleventh—It shall be the duty of such helper to bring the samples of graded grain, secured as above, to the Chief Sampler's office daily, for use in examinations by Supervising Inspectors, the Appeal Committee and the Official Sampler.

Twelfth—Such samples shall be kept on file in the Chief Sampler's office a reasonable time, labeled, however, by grades and numbers which shall indicate their identity only to the State Department and the Official Sampler, and thus unidentified they shall be accessible to the public.

Thirteenth—It shall be one of the duties of the Official Sampler to thoroughly examine these samples daily, and in case any of them indicate improper

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Fourteenth—In case the Official Sampler or any other party at interest, i. e., the buyer or the seller, should thus complain to the State Department and fail to have his complaint properly or favorably considered by the State Départment, it shall be the duty of the Sampling or Grain Committee to listen to his complaint, and if it is in their judgment reasonable, the other parties at interest shall be notified, and the matter taken up by the Grain Committee with the State Department—all parties at interest being given an opportunity of being present at such hearing.

Fifteenth—In the examination of samples of grain inspected, a standard sample shall be used as a gauge, and in case of disputes calling for an appeal, final decision shall be rendered in accordance with such comparison.

Sixteenth—Standard samples above referred to shall be made up as early as possible at the beginning of each crop year, and approved by the State Inspection Department, Appeal and Sampling Committees and the Official Sampler—all working together to make up a fair and eduitable standard.

Seventeenth—In cases where it is necessary for the Grain or Sampling Committee to take the question of moisture into account, rendering a chemical analysis necessary, this shall be made promptly.

Eighteenth—Nothing in the above shall be understood as giving the Grain Committee any privileges relative to the examination of samples or the knowledge of their identity other than those enjoyed by the public, excepting wh

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in which case the examination shall be made at such time and place and after such notification as will give all parties at interest an opportunity of being pres-

ent.
Nineteenth—In case it should not be feasible to obtain samples of track arrivals in the manner above outlined, owing to the volume of grain coming in, an arrangement may be made with Receivers' agents to work in conjunction with Inspectors to take an extra sample for file in the Chief Inspector's office as above outlined.

In connection with the work of the Grain Committee as stated above there is a Department of Grain Sampling and Seed Inspection maintained by the Chicago Board of Arade, whose duties are ex-amining and sampling of carloads or cargoes of grain for shippers or buyers or commission merchants who may desire to employ said Department for the purpose of having disinterested supervision of the loading or shipment or unloading of grain in this market by this Depart-ment acting as their individual representative, the object of this Department being to confirm the correctness of the original inspection, or to call attention to errors, if, in its judgment, such have been made in the original inspection.

This Department of Grain Sampling and Seed Inspection, while under the general supervision of the Grain Committee, is seed Inspection, while under the general supervision of the Grain Committee, is under the direct and personal management of Mr. Robert P. Kettles, Official Grain Sampler and Seed Inspector for the Chicago Board of Trade, who has had the widest possible experience in handling and judging grain as a miller, sampler, and private inspector. The charges for such services are 30 cents per carload for sampling and reporting on carload for sampling and reporting on cargoes into or from vessels. Any inquiries concerning this Department for Grain Sampling or Seed Inspection, or orders from parties desiring their services, should be addressed to Mr. Robert Kettles, Chief Sampler, Board of Trade Bldg., Chicago. This Department has recently issued a letter to the trade at large, calling attention to the facilities and opportunities it affords. From it we take the following: take the following:

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THE DEPARTMENT OF GRAIN SAM-PLING AND SEED INSPECTION.

The general management of this Department is vested in the Grain Committee of the Chicago Board of Trade, under whose direction and supervision are employed a Chief Sampler, and other thoroughly experienced and reliable samplers in sufficient number.

You are doubtless aware that all grain coming into and going out of Chicago is graded by the Inspection Department of the State of Illinois. The purpose of this new Department of Grain Sampling and Seed Inspection is to assist and co-operate with the State of Illinois in maintaining a standard of uniformity and improved quality in behalf of the interests of the patrons of this market. All grain going into public elevators for delivery on contracts is examined by the agents of, this Department to see that its quality is correct, and the Department will furnish the most competent men obtainable to supervise the inspection out of private as well as public elevators for anyone who may be willing to pay the moderate charges assessed for such supervision. Board of Trade certificates of supervision will be issued on all work performed by this Department.

This Department has been in operation long enough to demonstrate its usefulness and efficiency; it has been from the start on a paying basis and is beholden to no special sellers or buyers for its business. Buyers can be sure that the supervision given the loading of their grain will be absolutely impartial, and that their interests will receive as full protection as the most expert and conscientious effort can secure.

Grain Inspection at Winnipeg.

The methods of grain inspection followed at Winnipeg, Man., which is one of the greatest wheat markets in the world, have been very carefully worked out by David Horn, who has been the chief inspector ever since the inspection of grain was first established in the Canadian West. nadian West.

During the remarkable growth of the Winnipeg market the methods of inspection have necessarily undergone many changes. When the inspection was commenced 20 years ago the movement was



Chief Inspector David Horn, Winnipeg, Man.

small, and all cars were sampled carefully on the track and the samples gone over deliberately after having been brot into Mr. Horn's office.

After a few years, when the traffic was growing rapidly an attempt was made to expediate the work by inspecting and grading on the track in the open air. grading on the track in the open air. When done in this way the work was so irregular, owing to the changing lights, bright and dark days, shadows thrown by strings of cars on the next sidings, cold and storms, that Mr. Horn did not continue the experiment, but resumed the former method, which is believed to insure uniform and accurate work.

Great stress is placed upon careful and accurate sampling. Samplers individually are not permitted to stick cars. They are sent out to the work in gangs, usually

sent out to the work in gangs, usually of four men; that is, two stickers, a foreman in charge; and a man to open and close the cars. The foreman (who is al-ways a man of tried service and experi-ence, eligible in qualifications as a deputy inspector, if he is not already one) fills up the sample.

The sticker stabs the car in seven to The sticker stabs the car in seven to spreads each stab side by side on a sheet in front of the door. By the time he has the car all stabbed the foreman gets up at the door, views the cloth, and if he is satisfied that the car has sampled all even and regular, he immediately mixes the whole lot together, fills up a sample bag of some two pounds, writes on a bag of some two pounds, writes on a ticket the car number (always reading this number from the car and not from his

list), dates the ticket, and if anything unusual is noticed about the car or its load, notes this on this ticket, sticks the ticket into the sample bag, hangs the sample on the car side, all to be gathered sample on the car side, all to be gathered when they get through with the train, and proceeds to the next car, where the other sticker has been getting ready for him, and so on to the end of the train. Then they walk back, collecting the samples hanging from the cars, count the samples to see that they agree with the number of cars on their list, and carry them all to the office. There they are listed on sheets, fifty cars on a sheet. The actual work of inspecting is done on these sheets. These sheets are sent to these sheets. These sheets are sent to the head office, put into a self-binder, and indexed, and form the original, only and complete record of the car.

The deputies never go out to the yard, they work in front of a long north window. They have assistants to sort out and place and carry away their samples, and sieve samples for dockage, so that their whole attention is given to the work of inspecting proper. Fold deputy has his

of inspecting proper. Each deputy has his own territory to attend to.

Simultaneously with the going on of the work of inspecting, the work of written work of the work of the work of the work of the work of written work of the work of inspecting, the work of writing out certificates is going on, so that by 3 o'clock or so, when the inspecting for the day is given up, the certificates are also ready for the deputies to sign. These are all carefully checked with the sheets; and sheets, certificates and samples despatched over to the head office at the Grain Exchange. Should there be any particular car about which there is anything unusual, or regarding which a deputy is in any manner of doubt or uncertainty, this sample and certificate are certainty, this sample and certificate are specially tagged, so that it comes before Chief Inspector Horn or his chief deputy, and they consult and advise together.

While the car is on the way to the terminal at the lake there is opportunity for protest, review and survey, and for this purpose, samples of all cars are kept on file in the inspection office at the Grain

Exchange.

A portrait of David Horn, the chief inspector, is given herewith.

Punishment of government employes who divulge secret information before its official publication is provided for in a bill introduced in congress by Representa-tive Burleson of Texas.

One of the richest calendars of the present crop is that sent out by the Winchester Milling Co., of Canal Winchester, O. The painting of "Dorothea" rivals in coloring the original by Rene Avigdor.

At the present rate we will export more than 125,000,000 bu, this crop year. Figuring home requirements, bread and seed, equal to 500,000,000 bu, and the likelihood at least 50,000,000 bu. to 75,000,000 bu, more will be carried over in first and second hands than there was last year, on basis of present prices, we at once see, even conceding the crop of 1905 to be even conceding the crop of 1905 to be fully up to the highest estimate, about 700,000,000 bu., that the supply is not burdensome. This does not take into consideration a short crop in India, Russia and Argentina, which may increase our exports immensely, and fancy then what will happen in case our own crop of winter wheat is cerivally depresed as in with ter wheat is seriously damaged, as is quite likely, owing to the lack of snow protec-tion thus far. The possibilities on the bull side are indeed beyond comprehension.— Edward G. Heeman.

Annual Meeting Kansas Grain Dealers Ass'n.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Kansas Grain Dealers Ass'n, one of the most successful meetings of the Ass'n, was held at the Midland Hotel, Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 18-19.

Pres. Cortelyou called the meeting to ordered a correlated to the meeting to condense the correlated the c

order at 2 p. m.

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome to this, our Annual Meeting, this very goodly number of our members who are present, and not only our members but the visitors, members of the Kansas City Board of Trade, whom we are very glad to welcome, very glad to see with us, and others. I wish to thank you very much for your presence with us. It is a great pleasure to see so many of you here, and I am sure you will have a pleasant as well as a profitable meeting.

A little over a year and a half ago we met and notwithstanding several unfavorable circumstances, we are today as strong as ever. I will not take the time of this meeting to tell what this lass'n has accomplished. We will get that in the secretary's report. I am glad to note a good healthy growth of the ass'n. I understand our membership now is 241 members. It shows the ass'n is increasing in interest among the grain men of Kansas. We hope to have an interesting as you wish. You will notice that the program is an interesting one. We expect some notable visitors with us.

I want to say that the financial affairs of this ass'n as a interesting one. We expect some notable visitors with us.

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A great many questions of interest should come up at this meeting. The great wave of agitation which is sweeping over this country is in relation to a subject which should be taken up here. It seems to be agitated in every meeting of business men throughout the ccuntry. I do not know what the position of this ass'n should be. The position of the president is this, that while there are certain inequalities in rates in some places, in some places the rate being too high and in other places too low, the position the grain dealers ought to take, I think, is to allow the railroads a fair, just and equitable rate which will give equal rates to all without discrimination to any one, which will place every grain dealer on an equal out discrimination to any one, which will place every grain dealer on an equal

will place every grain dealer on an equal basis.

There is one question which is of great deal more importance to the grain trade and that is that business has been very largely restricted, the profits we ought to have had during the last two years have been lost in the grain business on a large amount of the corn handled. This is the question of furnishing equipment. At times it has been absolutely impossible for us to ship our grain. This is a question that is a vital one to our business, and let the rates two properties of the trades two properties of the whereby the railroads could be taken whereby the railroads could be taken whereby the railroads could be taken suded or forced to give us better equipment, more cars, something so that we can move the grain that is offered to us from the country and move it promptly. Representatives of the Missouri Tele-

Representatives of the Missouri Telephone Co., and the Home Telephone Co., offered the visiting dealers the unrestricted use of their wires free of charge to any point in the country after 4 p. m. and before 9 a. m., during the convention.

Secy. Smiley read the minutes of the previous annual meeting, which were adopted as read

adopted as read. F. P. Lint on the subject of

"WHO SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE for Loss Occasioned by Delay" said:

When the shipper in the country pays a certain rate to the railroad he pays for the delivery of that grain, and therefore

it seems to me that the only logical place to put the loss is with the railroad. will probably ask the remedy. Will have not discussed this subject with other people previously I would suggest that this ass'n either thru its officers or in-fluential members act as a committee to work with the officials of the Board of Trade, and I assure you that there is not a member of the Board of Trade, but would gladly wipe out this loss if they could, and have these committees confer if they find it necessary, and probably you can get a committee of the railroad people and work out a solution of the difficulty in that way. If we had known four or five months ago what I have learned in the last few days, the losses suffered to our firm would have been less to us and to sure things. to us and to our shippers in the country also. Two courts have decided that the loss belongs against the carrier for not fulfilling their duties within a reasonable time. I hope some means will be devised the secretary of the shipwhereby neither the receiver nor the shipper will have to stand such losses.
W. J. Madden laid the responsibility

for loss upon the commission man, whom he accused of insincerity and lack of nerve in their dealings with the railroads.

E. J. Smiley: There is no excuse in waiting four or five days for reinspection. In all other markets, Chicago, Galveston, New Orleans and others, reinspection must be asked for within 48 hours. There have been cases here where reinspection has been delayed from 11 to 30 days and where the loss has been as high as \$600. If grain is sold subject to reinspection at the elevator what is the use of the first inspection? I do think that some one is responsible for this delay after the first inspection. Let us place this responsibility. I think the commission men of Kansas City should lend us their moral

support in settling this question.

R. B. Miller: We had one car it took 39 days to get reinspection. Some mornings you go by and see a fog down there in the bottoms and if cars are left standing there waiting for reinspection of course there will be a loss. The country shipper is the sufferer. The trouble lies with the railroad people of this city in not having facilities to handle the grain which comes to this market and I am heartily in favor of the chairman of this ass'n appointing a committee to confer with the Board of Trade and the rail-roads to effect relief.

J. T. White: It occurs to me that if

the shippers would instruct the commission man not to sell under any but the new rules, which require that the grain be reinspected within 48 hours there would not be much trouble. There is one plan which it might be well to consider and that is for the members of this ass'n to stand together and not buy grain when it is wet. It is not likely that if grain is bought in prime condition it will arrive in bad condition. I believe we should in bad condition. I believe we should commence at home and put wheat in the best possible condition before shipment. Sometimes the inspector can't get in the car and make an inspection. I believe that the Kansas Grain Dealers Ass'n can say to the Board of Trade of Kansas City, "We want you to transact our business under the new rules." Then the business will be done under those rules and whoever buys wheat on the Board of Trade will understand that they can have rein-

spection after 48 hours.
G. S. Carkener in behalf of the Kansas City Board of Trade said: I wish to extend an invitation on behalf of the Board of Trade to a dinner to be given at the Baltimore Hotel at 8:30 tomorrow evening. The hotels, as most of you have found out, are crowded and it was with in any hotel but we finally got into the Baltimore. We give you all a cordial invitation to be with us tomorrow evening at 8:30. Tomorrow afternoon our wives and sisters and sweethearts will be very glad indeed to meet and entertain your wives and sisters and sweethearts at a

W. S. Washer in behalf of the unmarried men asked "How many sweethearts

Pres. Cortelyou: I am sure the grain dealers fully appreciate this invitation and I feel that I can accept the invitation in behalf of the Ass'n.

A motion was made to appoint a committee of three to confer with the members of the Board of Trade in relation to matter discussed above. Pres. Cortelyou asked that it be presented in the form of a resolution by the Comite on Resolutions.

The Pres.: One great trouble_is that the facilities for handling freight by the railroad have never kept pace with the growth of the city. The solution of the difficulty lies in some method of forcing the railroads and the Board of Trade equally to have proper facilities for hand-ling the grain. If they had there would be no question of this delayed reinspec-

R. B. Miller read a paper on "How to Reduce Shortages on Out-turn Weights:"

W. J. Madden indulged in a tirade, employing enough sarcastic witticisms to keep the audience in a continuous up-

S. J. Thompson: I have shipped 120 cars this season and have not had cause for any complaint against Kansas City.
W. M. Chelf: I have a 150-bu. scale sitting on a stone foundation and I have

very little shortage. My worst trouble is with the bad condition of cars.

J. E. Andrews: A great part of this trouble is caused by old cars. Take a little

40,000 or 60,000-pound car and put it in between an 80,000 and 100,000-pound car, and when the engine begins to pull you will see the back of that little car humpwill see the back of that little car humping up. Is it any wonder it leaks when it arrives at destination? As far as the Kansas City weights are concerned, I think they are all right.

Pres.: We will now go back to the address of J. W. Radford, Kansas City, Kan., on "What is a reasonable length of time for reinspection."

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Pres. Cortelyou appointed the follow-

ing committees:

on Resolutions: P. N. Allin, Coffeyville; S. B. Samuelson, Hiawatha; L. Noel, Glasco.
Auditing Committee: Jno. Schmidt, Atchison; S. J. Thompson, Holton; A. H. Bennett, Topeka.

Friday Morning.

At the opening of the Friday morning session the pres. introduced M. F. Dunlap, O'Fallon, Mo., Pres. of the Grain

Dealers National Ass'n, who made a speech in which he said:

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That life which is engrossed simply in the struggle for dollars and the accumulation of stocks and bonds and securities, without considering the higher characteristics of life, is a failure, and that grain dealer who simply estimates the cost of going to and from a convention by the dollars and cents it is going to bring him directly, losing sight entirely of the indirect benefit or profit, which is not as indirect as it may seem to be on the surface, a grain dealer of that type is one who will not get the very best results out of a grain dealer's ass'n and will not value it.

We must emphasize the feature of fellowship or else the state ass'ns and the National as well cannot succeed. It is the losing sight of this fact that makes our state and National Ass'ns as little representative bodies as they are. In this personal contact we get the benefit I say that we cannot fully estimate. Be careful when you come to these meetings or you will meet a man who, in depth of business capacity, who in kindly feeling, is your superior, and if you should meet such a one there is something wholesome in contact with him, something uplifting, and when you go back to your office, having planned to make money easier and more readily, you will go back with a broader conception of the way of doing business, and in your contact with your customers, in your discernment of right and wrong, in your kindlier feeling, in your happier disposition, you will work out. If you emphasize that feature you do well. The other night I happened over a grain journal with the proceedings of that Milwaukee convention in and one of the first things that attracted my attention was a portrait of your president, Mr. Cortelyou, and other portraits, the pictures of some of the brainlest men in this country. I said to myself, what was it, if anything, that reflected on the Milwaukee convention, and I recalled two crucial points and one was

this. Mind you, all the ass'ns were affiliated then.

The first point of friction was when the question came up of the question of representation of the affiliated bodies. The question came up as to the power of the different sections of the country, but the wisdom of the body settled that question. The East surrendered and the affiliated bodies had representatives there with full power to vote.

Another trouble came when they came to elect the president. The East said they wanted an eastern man and the West said they wanted an eastern man and the west said they wanted a western man. When we went into the committee room we found that there were eight for the eastern man and eight for the western man. We went into the committee room and were unable to agree. We nominated an eastern man and a western man. When the supreme point of tension came, when things were liable to be said that would rankle in the reast, the East surrendered again.

Now, we passed to another climax. The directors had appointed as a place of meeting the city of Niagara. It was a session of representative men, of fair-minded men. It was a session of men, who when the question was raised of financing the Ass'n, for the finances had been exhausted, said: "We will finance the Ass'n out of our pockets," and in a few minutes \$2,500 was laid on the table for carrying on the work.

I want to say that the National Ass'n has met the withdrawal of the Western Ass'n with a great deal of calmness and deliberation and kindly feeling. It has ever since the Niagara Convention the state ass'ns to join us and help us in the work. So far we have failed. The direct membership of the National has'n, the Indiana Ass'n the lowa Union. In contemplating what would be the resulf if these western ass'ns would not affiliate with the National Ass'n a not relies allowed the state ass'ns do not feel that they can

finance the expense of their membership in the National, and the National will solicit membership in that way without any idea of antagonizing the state ass'h in any way.

Now there is a feeling throughout the country that we must have the National Ass'h. These questions that cannot be settled by the state ass'h will, thru the instrumentality of the National, be settled. You know that the conditions at terminal markets are such at times that they lose you dollars and cents. You know that many times the You know that the weights are not what they ought to be. You know there is a power everywhere that seems to be pressing on the Industry we are gaged in. You know that it takes a greater power than the Kansas Gran bealers Ass'n to rectify these evils and contend with them. You know that it takes a power such as no federation of western ass'ns could be. The interests of the sections of the trade in the Bast and West are one. We ought to bring the western shippers and the eastern receivers together. We ought to concentrate the powers and the forceful energies of the grain buyers and receivers of the country in one power, that can go before these institutions that are bearing down on us and call a halt. I know every now and then some one writes to me and asks if we can get the influence of the grain dealers of the country on a certain question. It is possible for these ass'ns to concentrate their power, a power that will be a power with other powers that are mutual ass'n powerful and intelligent as mustling a body of men as there is on God's green earth.

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Go back ten years in this western country and compare the conditions with those that exist now. Ten years ago if you shipped a car to Kansas City you were lucky if you got the car number back. What brought about the improvement in weights at Kansas City, where today you have as good a weighing department as there is in the coun-



Foto by Chas. T. Pomeroy, Kansas City.

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try? What brought about the improve-ment in conditions at St. Louis? Then ask yourself if it pays to support an ass'n.

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Mr. Dunlap has talked to you considerable about the National Ask in. There is a great need for such an Ask and also a great field for it if conducted along proper lines. The Kansas Ask can control certain things in markets in which its members do business, but in other markets their influence is not felt. If a receiver in such a market eccives a letter from the secretary of the Kansas Grain Dealers Ask in he at once says, "I am not interested in that market and I will conduct my affairs as I see fit."

Nine-tenths of the elevator operators that are in business today are doing business on the square and are compelled to do so whether they want to or not. There are certain remedies that need to be brought about that cannot except by association.

I do not believe an ask in should go into politics unless it is for the benefit of their business. A bill has been introduced by Senator McCumber for federal inspection of grain, and I do not believe there is a grain dealer in the country that is in favor of federal inspection of grain, and I do not believe there is a grain dealer in the country that is in favor of federal inspection of grain, and I do not routed by Senator McCumber for federal inspection of grain, and I do not believe there is a grain dealer in the country that is in favor of federal inspection of grain, ask in can do a great work in defeating unwise legislation affecting their business.

Trade is on the program for an address, but he was called away unexpectedly. The next is an address by E. I. King.
Mr. King read a paper on "The Ad-

vantage to our Ass'n of an Ass'n Em-

Secy. Smiley suggested that the Ass'n have an emblem made and sent to every member of the Ass'n. The matter was referred to the committee on resolutions.

T. E. Bonebrake read a paper on Coercion the Last Resort, Diplomacy in

T. L. Hoffman read a paper on Foundations of Success.

J. C. Robb spoke as follows on

FREIGHT RATES.

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The Kansas City and other papers give a great deal of credit to Roosevelt for the agitation against freight rates, but it is not the politicians that have brought about this agitation. There is not a thing done affecting the public welfare but what the agitation was started by the people, not the politicians.

About freight rates, what does the cuntry grain dealer on which the states the contract of the politicians of the contract of the politicians. The provided have a state of the politicians of the politician

T. and the Kansas City Southern are milking the State of Kansas every day. The authority for regulating these rates must be put in the hands of an unbiased court. The management of the Rock Island road is dictated to by Wall Street. The traffic manager who does not show an earning on the overcapitalization is going to get his head cut off, and he knows it. That is the reason we have poor equipment and facilities. They are short on engines and cars and everything except the dividends.

Until you can get the authority for fixing the rates away from them and into the hands of a court where it is absolutely unappealable, where they can't take it from one court to the district court and the United States Surpeme Court, we will never have relief. So I say that position for the grain men of the state of Kansas to assume is to try to have a national law passed. Write to your representatives and senators and make it a penal offense to indulge in these discriminations. Unless we get that and Roosevelt's idea of a square deal we will be forced out of business.

Friday Afternoon Session.

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Admittance to the afternoon session

was by card.

Pres. Cortelyou called the meeting to order and announced the reading of the Secretary's Annual Report, which is given

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

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This is the eighth annual meeting of this organization, and the ninth year of its existence.
Time has demonstrated the fact that grain associations are necessary in bringing about better conditions. Quite a number of our present members have been identified with the organization since its start. These are the dealers that realize the benefits of organization, knowing the conditions prior to that time. I think I voice the sentiment of every dealer present today when making the statement that improved conditions

have been brought about through organization, and if the organization was permitted to drop out of existence it would not be two years until conditions would be as bad as they were prior to organization.

LEGISLATION.—At the last session of the Kansas Legislature a bill was passed relating to the transportation of freight by the railroads, which is in substance a Reciprocal Demurrage Law, compelling the transportation companies doing business in Kansas to furnish equipment to shippers when application is made in writing to superintendent or agent, for the company.

When cars are applied for under the rovision of this bill, if they are not furnished the railway company so falling to furnish them shall forfeit to the the parties applying for same the sum of \$1.00 per day for each car ordered and not furnished, and all damages that such applicant may have sustained.

Section six of this act requires when cars are promptly loaded and shipping instructions given, the agent for the company must sign and deliver to the shipper B—L, and such shipments must go forward to destination at the rate of not less than 50 miles per day, and for failure to receive and forward shipments as within the specified time the company shall be liable to the shipper, \$5.00 per day and any loss incurred. As other states have similar laws namely, West Virginia, Texas and Arkansas, that have been held constitutional by the Courts, we think there is no doubt this law will stand the test of the Courts, and that shippers should take advantage of the company shall be donstitutional by the Courts, we think there is no doubt this law will stand the test of the Courts, and that shippers should take advantage of the company shall be done to the suspend business for a lack of cars, it is not your fault and you should not be compelled to bear the loss. If the called had a little more back bone, and would notify the General Freight Agent of the different lines that they would lold them responsible for any loss they



Pres. L. Cortelyou, Muscotah, Kan.

might sustain, through the neglect of the rallroad on which they were located, and make good on which they were located, and make good which they starement, Kansas shippers would have their share of the equipment of the different lines, instead of their sending such equipment into states South and East. What will you do about it?

DELAY AFTER INSPECTION AT KANSAS CITY.—Thousands of dollars have been lost by country shippers the past year on account of grain being delayed after inspection and sold. Under present Kansas City Board Trade Rules, purchaser must call for reinspection within twenty-four hours after sale or accept first inspection. It is our understanding that all grain sold outside of the city, purchasers must call for reinspection within 24 hours. But grain sold to elevators is sold subject to reinspection on its arrival at the elevator. I am advised that the mills and elevators located in Kansas City refuse to purchase grain unless allowed the privilege of reinspection on arrival at the elevator. How many present today have shipped to the Kansas City Market, and have been notified that their car or cars have arrived, and graded No. 2 or 3 and been sold for a price, then ten to forty days later received a letter from their commission firm reading,

"We regret to report that on the arrival of your cars at the elevator reinspection was called for, and grain found to be heating and was marked no grade. We were compelled to re-sell same at a discount of 10c per bushel."

Certainly the shipper is not at fault, as he has no means of knowing that the grain is being delayed. Neither is the receiver, as it is to his interests to have the grain unloaded as quickly as possible; he has paid draft made against the shipment and is paying interest on the value of the grain. So the fault must lay with the elevators or the railroad handling the shippers, members of our ass'n when advising of shipment to notify their commission merchants contents of car in bushels, and pounds, also if wheat, if wheat the test weight,

I will try and arrange a joint meeting with the Millers Club of Southern Kansas.

CLAIMS FOR LOSS IN TRANSIT—It is a well known fact that thousands of dollars are lost annually to Kansas shippers by the refusal of the transportation companies to recognize just claims. Where the fault rests with the transportation companies account of their negligence in handling grain intrusted to their care. There is no doubt but the transportation companies, when employing claim agents, employ them expecting them to refuse claims, instead of paying them. I have reason to believe that if claims having merit were presented, through the agency of a department created by the Kansas Grain Dealers Ass'n, and give the transportation company to understand that all claims presented had been carefully considered, and that payment was expected, and that unless payment was promptly made they might expect litigation in collection, all claims would be promptly paid. Both the lowa and Ohio Ass'ns established a claim

department in connection with the Secretary's office, over one year ago, and they have been very successful in making collections. This saves expense to the individual shipper, and by collecting claims that have been refused, adds to bis profits.

ARBITRATION.—During the past year or since the time of our annual meeting there have been six different cases referred to our Arbitration Committee for adjustment. With one exception the amount involved in each case has been less than \$100.00 and I am quite sure



Secy. E. J. Smiley, Topeka, Kan.

that we have saved to the litigants more than the amount of their claim with one exception. All commercial bodies recognize that all differences can better be decided by arbitration than litigation.

SCALE TESTING AND REPAIRING.—At our last annual meeting held June 1st, 1904, the question was discussed as to the advisability of the ass'n employing a scale inspector and repairer. No action was taken.

The Iowa Ass'n, at its last annual meeting held May 17th 1904 provided ways and means for employing a scale expert to repair and test the scales for the members on a co-operative plan, with a maximum charge of \$3.00 per scale. From June 1st 1904 to June 1st 1905 they paid out for such services \$1,210.76, and received \$1,116.98, showing a loss of \$93.78. When you take into consideration that there are over 1,000 elevators in Iowa, it is a question whether the members of our Ass'n would pay the amount necessary to cover the expense of employing, or paying the traveling expense of an experienced scale man.

There is no doubt but what every grain dealer should have his scale examined at least once a year by an expert, and if all dealers would fall in line with that olan it would reduce the cost of the work.

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Secy. Smiley read the financial statement showing all dues collected from a membership of 241, except 4 and a goodly balance in the treasury

T. J. White responded as follows to the

RELATION OF THE RECEIVER TO THE SHIPPER:

This is not a proper question to be taken up in executive session. Whatever there is to be said on this subject should

be said in the presence of receivers. boil the subject down in a nut shell I will say that the receiver when he accepts a consignment from the man in the country puts himself in the position of the owner of the wheat or other grain. It is owner of the wheat or other grain. It is not only his duty to post himself thoroly on the market and sell it for the highest price, but it is in keeping with his position that he should keep himself thoroly in touch with the prices that he may sell it where he can get the most for it. If it is not properly inspected it is his duty to call for reinspection. Then to see that it is properly weighed. It is his duty to is properly weighed. It is his duty to keep himself in a position to know where the best weights are attainable and in substance to put himself in the position of the owner of the wheat.

A. H. Bennett read the following report of the Arbitration Committee, which was accepted:

REPORT OF THE ARBITRATION COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Arbitration beg leave to report that since its appointment immediately following our last annual meeting, but six cases have been submitted, namely; The Beall Grain Co., vs D. C. O'Neil, \$35.01; W. M. Chelf vs. Stevens-Scott Grain Co., \$15.00; Hoffman Elevator Co., vs Robb-Bort Grain Co., \$15.10; Early, Foster & Co., vs C. B. Gaunt Grain Co., with Gaunt's counter claim for \$42.50; \$50.00; G. E. Ady & Co., vs I. G. Maxwell & Co., \$198.45; and Longford Elevator Co., vs Abilene Milling Co., \$22.79.

The first four of these were submitted by correspondence only; the last two wers heard before the Committee in regular open session.

It is commendable that from a membership of over two hundred and fifty, differences requiring arbitration have occurred in only six instances, involving a total sum of but \$476.00, and it is also a source of gratification, at least to the individual members of this Committee to know that in every instance the of the others might be, and that these opinions were in every case unanimous; and while this is not conclusive widence that we have made no errors, it does establish the fact that in each instance that we have made no errors, it does establish the fact that in each instance the one upon the other.

We are also pleased to report that no appeals have been taken from the awards made.

In two instances we found that tlephone conversations had much to do with the details of the transactions and that the greater portion of these conversations were not subsequently confirmed by mail; consequently it was not only a difficult matter for the Committee to the controverses, and for the good of our members and the convenience of our successors, this Committee respectfully begs leave to call the attention of each and every member of this Ass'n to the importance of confirming by first mail, all details regarding transactions and mave sea that may arise.

And if it please, we would further recommend that that part of Rule 4 relative to Arbitration, be amended so as to read "shall

likely to submit the case if he is placed on an equality with our members so far as that particular instance is concerned. Our members have agreed to arbitrate—non-members can only be requested to do so and they have some shadow of an excuse for refusing so long as we require a deposit of twice as much from them as we do from our members. With best wishes for the good of the Ass'n and of each individual member, and for the universal adoption of such business methods as will continue to reduce the possibility of mis-understandings and controversies, this report is respectfully submitted.

A. H. Bennett,

A. H. Bennett, J. T. White, W. A. Miller.

The Auditing Committee reported the books correct and the report was adopted. P. N. Allin read the report for the Committee on Resolutions and the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That N. B. Hleatt be made an honorary member of the Kansas Grain Dealers Ass'n and the Secy. be instructed to Inform him of this action, if his address can be obtained. Resolved, That the president be instructed to appoint a committee of five to confer with a like committee from the Board of Trade; they to confer with the railway officials, so as to bring about the much-needed reform regarding delayed switching and reinspection and that this committee have power to act for this ass'n.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors devise some plan similar to the Car Service Ass'n plan, in use by the railroads, and somewhat similar to the Check Weight Bureau, in use in various markets, whereby the members shall report to this bureau all delays in getting cars or delay in reinspection, and in moving grain at Kansas City, together with losses in transit, and to have the Bureau take the matter up with the railroad companies.

Resolved, That our president be requested to appoint a committee of three to decide upon and obtain a suitable ass'n emblem; that a cut of same be sent to each member and that he beurged to use it when having his stationery printed.

Resolved, That an effort be made to make this the largest and best state ass'n on the continent, and that every rember make a determined effort to obtain at least one new member within the next 60 days.

Resolved, That we endorse the square deal policy of President Roosevelt, as outlined in his last message on railroad rate regulation and that we demand that our representatives to for such regulation and they also do everything in their power to formulate and institute a scringent railroad regulation bill and secure its passage at the present session.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolu-tion, under the seal of the Ass'n, be sent to the President of the United States and also to each member of the Kansas congressional delegation.

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Opon motion of 1. J. White the following resolution was tabled:

Resolved, That a scale inspection bureau composed of a committee of three appointed by the president be established by this ass'n and a scale expert be employed to test and examine the scales of its members.

F. P. Lint: I move that the matter be left in the hands of the Board of Directors with power to act. I believe if that resolution had been properly worded it would have carried.

Seconded and carried.

C. C. Fields: I move that the Secy. be instructed to notify each member of this ass'n of the action the Board of Directors take on the resolution regarding scale in-

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of L. Cortelyou of Muscotah for Pres., by acclamation. T. J. White, Ada, was elected Vice-

E. J. Smiley, was unanimously elected Secy., upon motion of R. B. Miller. Mr. Smiley responded briefly to calls

for a speech and said:

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Most of you know me and know I am not a talker. I can only say that I certainly appreciate what you have done for me today and in the past. I shall strive at all times to work for the very best interests of this ass'n. Some of our friends from La Crosse are here with us and I wish to assure you that I do not wish to visit that place again as it is the most to visit that place again as it is the most undesirable place I ever was in.

The following were chosen to serve on the Board of Directors. A spirited contest preceded the election of directors, who were chosen by ballot, after a dozen names had been placed in nomination, those receiving the three highest number of votes on the first ballot being declared

E. N. Bailey, Baileyville; S. J. Thompson, Holton; W. S. Washer, Atchison.
Wm. Murphy told one of his dialect

stories about one of the visiting dealers who ran up against a barber pole the previous night remarking at the peculiar stripe in the lady's stocking.

The meeting adjourned.

THE LADIES.

While the dealers were wrestling with the reinspection problem, freight rates and endeavoring to solve the question of securing better railroad facilities, the ladies, wives of the visiting dealers, were being entertained by a committee of ladies of Board of Trade members. A reception at the Coates House and a matinee party at the Orpheum Theatre, which was thoroly enjoyed by all, afforded pleasure and amusement both to the visiting ladies and

Among the visiting ladies were Mrs. P N. Allin, who has managed with marked success her husband's entire line of elevators since his injury in a World's Fair train wreck a year and a half ago; Mesdames Gilchrist, Pelkey, Sheldon, Smith,

Van Horn and the Misses Andrews. The hostesses were Mesdames Fred Hoose, Wm. Murphy, A. Thorstenberg, Hoose, Wm. Murphy, A.C. W. Hoyt and P. Cary.

THE BANQUET

After the close of the meeting the visiting dealers were royally entertained with a dinner given by the members of the Board of Trade in the main dining room

About 9 o'clock 200 Board of Trade men, grain shippers and a few other in-vited guests seated themselves about tables arranged about the large dining room, the speakers table being at one end

of the room.

W. C. Goffe, ex-president of the Board of Trade acted as toastmaster. At his right sat Pres. Bradenbaugh and at his left J. C. Robb, of Wichita.

The following seven-course dinner was

Punch. Chicken Broth in Cup.

Radishes.

Fillet of Sole, Tartar Sauce. Saratoga Chips. Tenderloin of Beef au Cresson. Grilled Sweet Potatoes. French Peas.

Celery, Mayonnaise.

Tutti Frutti Ice Cream. Assorted Cake.

Cream Cheese.

Cigars. Coffee.

Toastmaster Goffe announced that each speaker would be limited to three

Pres. J. O. Bradenbaugh responded in behalf of the Kansas City Board of Trade and welcomed the visitors.

Pres. L. Cortelyou responded in behalf of the Kansas Ass'n.

All the unkind remarks made by W. J. Madden in the meeting were forgotten in vigorous applause by even the most sensitive Board of Trade man when he predicted, with a brilliant flow of oratory, that Kansas City would soon be the greatthat Kansas City Would soon be the great-est market in the world and that before long "The Millers of Minneapolis would tear down their mills and bring them to the mouth of the Kaw."

M. F. Dunlap, in a brief address urged the abolition of the rule requiring the dockage of 100 pounds from every car of grain weighed in Kansas City, and the issuance of a certificate of weight that would be a certificate of weight of every

would be a certificate of weight or every pound in the car.

W. S. Washer responded in flowery terms to the toast "Kansas". He drew a beautiful word picture of a day on the prairies of Kansas, describing its glorious sunrise, taking his hearers through the day on the verdant prairies and picturing the splendors of a Kansas sunset. Every one agreed with him when he declared Kansas to be "The brightest star in the constellation of our Flag."

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Other speakers were: J. C. Robb, E. J. Smiley, Secy. Bigelow of the Board of Trade, T. L. Hoffman, J. W. Radford, I. M. Yost, T. J. White, W. A. Miller and Wm. Murphy who told two humorous stories, one at the expense of Secy. Smiley, who had some years ago engaged in an argument with a Swede farmer.

CONVENTION NOTES.

It was one of the best and most harmonious meetings the Ass'n ever held.

The Kansas City Board of Trade firms were well represented among the visitors at the meeting.

The ladies enhanced the pleasure of those in attendance. Bring more of the ladies next time.

No one, including Madden, had aught but praise for the Kansas City Board of Trade Weighing Department and its Chief Weighmaster.

The Grain Dealers Mutual Fire Insurance Co., was represented by T. M. Van Horn who distributed combination adjustable pencils and erasers.

The M. P. Ry., was represented by S. H. Kilgore, C. F. A. The railroad men are always welcome visitors at meetings of grain dealers.

Otto Lehrack & Co., exhibited a 5-horse power gasoline engine and supplied the needs of several grain dealers who were looking for up-to-date power for operating their grain elevators.

G. T. Burrell, of the Burrell Eng. & Construction Co., F. W. and Otto Lehrack of Otto Lehrack & Co., and P. H. Pelkey were at hand to advise those who contemplated the erection of grain ele-

That the grain dealers captured the town is evidenced by the following message which was among those filed for transmission over one of the private wire house's wires on the opening day of the convention: "The Gentlemen from Kansas are giving me the wink. I swore off yesterday, but S'help me, I'm going to

take a drink. (Signed) The Man Who Swore Off."

The machinery trade was represented by H. C. Draver, of the Huntley Mfg. Co.; E. A. Ordway, Invincible Grain Cleaner Co., and J. N. Heater.

A sad feature of the convention was the calling away from the meeting of E. M. Kelly on account of the death of his Iomonths old boy, whom he had left in good health. Mr. Kelly has the sympathy of his brother dealers.

Sister states were represented as follows: U. G. Dawson, Sigourney, and G. A. Stibbens, Secy. Grain Dealers Union, Red Oak, Ia; H. H. Horstman and H. Reed, Drexel, Mo; W. M. Johnson, Bookwalter, Nebr; J. E. Wright, Ft. Worth, Tex.

One enterprising machinery firm, the Invincible Grain Cleaner Co., exhibited a model of a grain cleaner, which was run by a small motor and kept in operation most of the time demonstrating its ability to remove all kinds of dirt and chaff from grain.

The following Kansas shippers were in attendance: P. N. Allin, Coffeyville; J. E. Andrews, Carden; G. L. Baker, Holyrood; E. N. Bailey, Baileyville; D. H. Beavers, Home; F. B. Bonebrake, Osage City; G. W. Bowan, Logan; Wm. Bower, Collier; J. C. Bradley, Rosswille; W. L. Brandon, Clyde; M. Carrier, Lone Elm; J. E. Clark, Huron; W. H. Connat, Ax
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Thomann, Summerfield; J. N. and M. P. Thielen, Dorrance; L. and W. F. Vawter, Osborn; J. J. Wall, Buhler; F. C. Wagener, Page; Geo. E. Wallace, Longford; H. M. Walton, Coffeyville; W. S. Washer, Atchison; J. T. White, Ada; C. S. Wilson, Ottawa; E. J. Wilson, Clyde; J. E. Winterscheidt, Germantown; S. J. E. Woodhouse Lancaster: J. E. Wright Otherscheidt, Germantown; S. J. Woodhouse, Lancaster; J. E. Wright, Ot-

The Grain Dealers Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

The annual meeting of the directors and stockholders of the Grain Dealers National Mutual Fire Ins. Co., which has been remarkably successful in insuring grain elevators and their contents, was held in Indianapolis Jan. 17th, reports made and the old officers and directors

re-elected.

The officers for the ensuing year as for the last are: Pres. H. N. Knight, Monticello, Ill.; Vice-pres. J. W. Mc-Cord, Columbus, O.; Secy. C. A. McCotter, Indianapolis, Ind; Chairman of Executive Com., A. E. Reynolds, Crawfords-ville, Ind. The Board of directors includes the officers and the following: R. F. Cummings, Clifton, Ill.; Charles S. Clark, Chicago, Ill.; H. S. Grimes, Portsmouth, O.; J. W. Sale, Bluffton, Ind.; Thos. A. Morrison, Kokomo, Ind.

Treasurer, W. F. C. Golt, Indianapolis, Ind.

Directors of Grain Dealers National Mutual Fire Insurance Co.



W. F. C. Golt; H. S. Grimes; Charles S. Clark; R. F. Cummings; A. E. Reynolds; W. F. C. Gol Thos. A. Morrisson; C. A. McCotter; H. N. Knight; J. W. McCord; J. W. Sale.

Annual Meeting Indiana Grain Dealers Ass'n.

The Fourth annual meeting of the In-The Fourth annual meeting of the Indiana Grain Dealers Ass'n. was held in Indianapolis, Jan. 17-18. The meeting was well attended and one of the best held since the formation of the Ass'n. At the opening session Wednesday morning President Geo. C. Wood delivered an address from which we take the following:

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the Association:

One year ago you intrusted to my hands and cares, the responsibilities of the office of President of your Ass'n. Suffice it to say, that whatever has come to me to do, I have tried to discharge for the best interests of the Ass'n.

An enumeration of the achievements, if you please, of this Ass'n and the local organizations of the State seem to me to eopportune at this time;

1st. I wish to mention, is the changed relationship existing among competitive dealers. Selfishness has given way in a large measure to broad minded business methods.

2nd. Through the influence and cooperation of the local, state and national organizations arbitration has become the rule and not the exception, in the settlement of differences arising between members of local ass'ns and between members and receivers at terminal markets.

3rd. The influence exerted and results obtained by the different ass'ns in bringing about systematic weighing methods and correct weights in terminal markets has been very great. The last recruit to fall into the procession of correct and impartial weighing methods, was Chcinnall;

4th. The Grain Dealers National Musical Control of the control of the control of the correct and for the correct of the correct o

to fall into the procession of correct and cimpartial weighing methods, was Cincinnati;
4th. The Indiana Railroad Commission;
5th. The Grain Dealers National Mutual Fire Insurance Co., to my mind the greatest boon to elevator owners and the greatest boon to elevator owners and the greatest achievement wrought so far by ass'n work.

While the foregoing are among the most important things accomplished by ass'n work, is there nothing to be done in the future? Are there no more methods to be devised and further wrongs to be righted? Are there no rough places to be smoothed?

My experience as a grain dealer leads me to make the following recommendations, asking the Ass'n to take such action in reference thereto as it may deem wise and prudent, after due deliberation and discussion:

1st. That this Ass'n, as such, work in harmony with Purdue University and in every way possible assist its faculty,

(a) In the distribution of its literature pertaining to Agriculture, and more especially the literature relating to the selection and care of seed, and the cultivation of cereal crops;

(b) That the Ass'n as such go before the next Legislature of this State and ask that an increased appropriation be made for the University, to the end, that the Agricultural interests of the State may be better developed and enhanced. The enterprising farmer who takes the lead in introducing a better breed of cattle or hogs,' a better variety of seed grains, or a more systematic and intelligent cultivation of his crops, is a benefactor to his neighbors in the community in which he lives and likewise to those who handle the product of his skill and enterprise; so also correct weighing, impartial inspection, lower insurance, fair and efficient service by the transportation companies, all inure alike to the benefit of the elevator owner and the producer, upon whom the grain merchant is dependent;

(c) That the Ass'n use its influence with the different railroad companies of this State to induce them to run "Corn Specials" over their various li

(b) I believe through such a channel, shippers would collect a great many small claims that would otherwise not be pressed on account of the trouble and delay in their collection;
(c) If such a bureau is instituted and maintained, every just claim pressed for collection, even if a resort to the courts should become necessary, the railroad companies, receiver, and commission men, who are disposed to be unfair, would soon learn that a just and quitable adjustment of these matters would in the end be by far the best and most profitable.

3rd. I believe that I am strictly within the bounds of truth when I say, there is a wide belief among shippers in general, that the exigencies of the case determine the grade of our grain, and that often the merits of the grain are lost sight of; for example, if there is a scarcity of grain at the sea-board terminais, boats on demurrage, waiting to be loaded, almost any kind of grain will grade, but reverse the situation and substitute a plethora of grain at the sea-board and no boats, and you have a condition, when you have scarcely anything that will grade contract. Take for illustration, the grading of the present crop of corn; A certain quality of corn grades invariably rejected at Baltimore, with a difference of about live cents per bushel in the price, and the two cities less than two hundred miles apart. The same quality of corn grades invariably rejected at Baltimore, with a difference of about live cents per bushel in the price, and the two cities less than two hundred miles apart. The same quality of corn spades invariably rejected at Baltimore, with a difference of about hive cents per bushel in the price, and the two cities less than two hundred miles apart. The same quality of corn grades invariably rejected at Baltimore, with a difference of about hive cents per bushel in the price, and the two cities less than two hundred miles apart. The same paseiton of grain by the National Government, with the hope, if such legislation is enacted into a law, of accompilshing thr

by the National Government, with the hope, if such legislation is enacted into a law, of accomplishing three things, viz.

(a) Uniform grading and the same grade by the same name in all markets under the direction and supervision of the Agricultural Department at Washington, and not have what is termed contract corn in one market under the head of mixed corn in another market of steamer corn, in another a number three grade and still another market having the same quality of corn graded as number Two.

(b) In the second place such inspectors, so appointed, would be free to meteuit even handed justice to ali. As conditions exist now, inspectors owe their appointment in the first place and the tenure of their positions all the time, to the members who constitute our Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce, with few exceptions.

(c) In the third place, under such system of inspection, the fact that the same quality of grain would be called by the same name in all markets, would do much toward leveling up the prices in all our terminal markets, and this wide variation in the prices we have seen (and some of us have experienced) on this present crop of corn, would disappear.

4th. The fourth recommendation I have to make is in the matter of Reciprocal Demurrage. Much good to the shipping interests of the State have already resulted from the law creating the Railroad Commission, enacted by the Isat Legislature. The shippers of the state, Now that the law is on the statute books, shall we avail ourselves of the full benefit of its provisions? Under the had to reare it has the shipper at the small station who had to wait till practically all the others were served, regardless of the amount of tonnage be offered, compared with the favored points along the road. It is also the small shipper who is made to pay Demurage charges when they accrue, with no friendly official to come around and hand them back to him. The more favored shipper at the competitive points or large centers, courts the friendship, good will and busin

therefore, that he should champion his rights in this matter and see that he gets equal justice in the matter of car service. I therefore recommend that this Ass'n instruct its incoming officials to see to it, that such proceedings are taken at the first opportunity as will bring this matter of reciprocal demurrage before the State Railroad Commission for a ruling. In the matter of new legislation now pending in Congress, relative to the enlargement of the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in addition to the rate regulation power scught to be conferred, I believe, that all grain dealers should co-operate to have these two additional features added, namely;

(a) The power to say how fast cars of grain and other commodities liable to damage by delay, shall be moved.

(b) The power to compel railroad companies to provide free storage warehouses at terminal markets, with the added responsibility of taking care of the property and keeping it in condition until received by the consignee. I therefore recommend that this Ass'n ask the support and co-operation of the National Ass'n and the State Ass'ns in bringing these provisions to the attention of Congress and the Committees having in charge this legislation.

Secy. J. M. Brafford read his report which was favorably received.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your Secretary entered upon the duties of his office May 1, 1905, after qualifying as successor to Mr. C. B. Riley, who was appointed Secretary of the State Railroad Commission, and who transferred to the present incumbent the property and funds of the association, including the sum of \$442.54, which amount was received and transferred to Bert A. Boyd, Treasurer.

The Financial Report for the year, including that part which Mr. Riley served as your Secretary is:

Cash receipts all sources, during the year, \$3,660.65; disbursements during the year.

MEMBERSHIP: The membership of this Association in good standing De-cember 31st, 1905, as classified is as follows: Shippers, 225; receivers, 53; special members, 5. Total members of every class, 283. Additional stations,

MEETINGS.—During the year your secretary has attended seventy-six local meetings. At the request of the members, your Secretary has made one trip to Chicago, one to Cincinnati and one to Baltimore in company with your President in the interest of the trade. At each of the places the Indiana Grain bealers' Association was recognized and its representative accorded proper hearing' and courteous treatment. Your Secy and Pres, accompanied by Mr. A. E. Reynolds and other members of the Ass'n, were in attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Grain Dealers' National Ass'n, at Niagara Falls, and it was with a great deal of pleasure, that we were able to say that Indiana had never been delinquent with the National Ass'n, as being one of the strongest in membership of the National Ass'n.

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CROPS.—The oats and wheat cropwas fairly satisfactory to the trade, but the corn crop, while it looked in the beginning to be one of the most promising that the trade had ever entered into, has in reality proved the most disastrous to a great many of our members, and we really believe that if it had not been for the Ass'n, the losses would have been double those that they have been, and we do hope that none of the dealers will allow their losses to cause them to refuse to pay their dues, and discontinue their membership in the State Ass'n.

DIFFERENCES.—We have been able

State Ass'n.

DIFFERENCES.—We have been able to settle differences at a great many places where local dealers had been in trouble among themselves, but it is impossible for the State Ass'n always to control local conditions, and there will be trouble as long as men are imbued with selfishness and greed, and a desire to get more than they are justly entitled to. In adjusting local difficulties, the State Secy has been under great obligations to neighboring dealers at different places. The fact is, the State Secy can

hardly accomplish anything, unless he has the help and backing of those, who are nearby and vitally interested, and if a few men in a neighborhood will be willing to exert themselves and take a proper interest in the matter, great good can be accomplished.

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SCOOPERS—We have used our utmost endeavors to stamp out scoop shovelers. We have never refused aid to any grain dealer, who was regularly engaged in the business, even though they were not paying to maintain the State Ass'n, altho we do believe that any dealer who asks the aid of the Ass'n should become a member of the same. We feel that if there is any man that is an interloper and needs to be treated as a pirate in the business, it is a scoop shoveler, who, with only \$1.50 or \$2.00 invested, can disrupt and destroy the trade within fifty miles of those who have large sums invested in elevator property and grounds for the benefit of the farmers. Some of the railroads have taken the position, that they are bound to serve these leeches, and have really done so, to the detriment of the regular dealer, feeling that he had his house to store the grain in, and that they could take their time in furnishing cars.

The receiver in the terminal markets can greatly help the State Ass'n in stamping out these undesirable shippers, and most of those whom we have taken the matter up with, readily agreed to discontinue bidding them or trading with them. We are sorry to say, however, that some firms take the position, that when the grain is consigned to them, that they are bound under the rules and regulations of the different Boards of Trade, to handle the business. Now, we believe this decision is erroneous, because they often refuse shipments from regular dealers, especially, if they feel that the drafts are excessive, and we do not understand why they would not have a perfect right to refuse the shipments of irregular shippers.

Treas. Bert A. Boyd read a report substantiating the financial statements in Sec. Brafford's report and upon motion the report was referred to the auditing com-

J. W. McCardle called vice-pres. E. M. Wasmuth to the chair and offered a motion that the recommendations suggested in the president's address, and that part of the secy's report other than financial data, be referred to a special committee for consideration, to report at the morning ses-

sion the following day. Carried.
H. L. Bushnell of Hoopeston, Ill., addressed the assembly on "Be Friendly With Your Competitor." In the course of his remarks he said:

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There are 800 dealers in your state. The future of the prosperity of the grain men of Indiana rests with your-selves and each one has a duty to perform. It is your duty to be fair with your customer, and it is your duty to be fair with your customer, and it is your duty to be fair with one another. You are not in the business for pleasure or for your health; you are in business for the dollars and cents, for the money you can honorably and honestly make.

The question is, will you handle the business in such a way that it will prove a blessing to yourself and to the community in which your work is done? I believe you will. Day by day the business is getting on a better basis and dealers are coming to understand each other better.

Your motto should be to do unto others as you would have them do unto you, 365 days in the year. Do this and you will avoid all confusion and misunderstanding. Make your fellow dealer your best friend. After all, most of your differences are imaginary and they are made real differences simply because you do not have the confidence of each other.

Unless you do establish friendly relations, as the years go on profits grow less, anxiety and suspicion grow as you grow older and you turn out to be an unsuccessful and disagreeable old man. Don't allow anything to keep you from establishing these friendly relations. Conduct your business in a straightforward manner, use no underhand methods, be honest with your competitor and

these things will make you dollars and cents. We ask no exorbitant margins from the farmer, only a fair remuneration for the capital we have invested. There will be troubles—we have them in Illinois, but we do not let them grow—we adjust them.

You have never invested a dollar that will pay you more money than that you invest in this organization. I hope the



Pres. E. M. Wasmuth, Roanoke, Ind.

organization will grow and that you may be able to interest every dealer in the state in the good work it is doing.

J. W. McCardle read the following suggestions as to a method of increasing efficiency in the inspection of grain in central markets and upon motion the paper was referred to the committee on resolu-

A CHECK INSPECTOR FOR TERMINAL MARKETS.

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Whereas The shippers of grain from this state to the general markets of the country frequently find cause of complaint on account of the grades, as shown by the inspection certificates, constitute the basis of large investments of capital and determine the question of profit or loss in almost every case, and with many shippers, determine the important question of solvency or insolvency.

Many elements have been taken into and during periods of liberal movements, the inspection departments of the markets are doubtless unable to give that painstaking care and conservative judgment to each car of grain that the shipper is entitled to have bestowed on his investment of many hundred dollars. The condition of the carshould also receive such careful attention as to clearly determine the right of the shipper to recover from the carrier for shortage in weight occasioned by leaks, damage, etc.

The shippers cannot accompany their consignments to the markets and have to depend on the inspection and weights of the departments to protect their investments, all of which is fairly donunder ordinary conditions, but the exceptional conditions arise too frequently not to attract the attention of the most conservative, and frequently enough to justify this ass'n in expressing itself on the advisability of seeking some feasible remedy that may give promise of partial relief, if not a complete remedy for all the just causes of complaint.

In the first place it might be suggested that the general markets to which is fairly done and notation as to the condition of the car etc. If the grain from the state is shipped be asked to so modify their inspection rules as to permit a Representative Inspector, selected by this Ass'n to be installed in each market, conveniently located, relative to the office of the Chief Inspector whom shall be submitted "office samples" of all grain from this state, to spection grade and notation as to the condition of the car etc. If the grain falled to make the contra

ufficates should not be issued until the representative inspector had reinspected the sample and conferred with the official inspector on the subject. If they fail to agree then they should jointly inspect the grain in the car, bin etc. and if they still fail to agree, the same should go to the proper committee or inspection board on appeal under proper provisions as to expense etc.

The representative inspector being recognized as representative of the shippers and in addition to his duties as check inspector, he should make and keep a correct report of the condition of cars that were reported out of condition upon arrival, and report same to the shipper. He should also be recognized as the representative of the shippers of this State in most all matters pertaining to the market in which he operates and assist them in the adjustment of differences growing out of transactions with receivers in such markets, in short, he should, in so far as possible, supply the one element now lacking in such matters, that of the one absent party to all contracts, thus in a measure meeting the requirements of ordinary commercial contracts of having settlements participated in by both parties to the contract.

The matter of the expense of this department should be borne either by the markets that desire the business from this State, or a specific fee of 25c or less per car be charged and collected as other fees are now collected for inspection.

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as other fees are now collected for inspection.
This Ass'n can invite neighboring States that patronize the same markets to join in this arrangement, or the National Ass'n might be utilized.
In submitting this general outline, I do so in the hope that a general discussion may follow by the receivers, shippers, officers and other representatives of the general markets now enjoying a share of the patronage of this State.

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And I now move you, Mr. President, that this general suggestion be approved as the expressed sense of this Ass'n on this important question.

The paper precipitated a general discussion of recent poor grades and heavy discounts on corn in central markets. complaint was general among dealers that discounts had been exorbitant and there was an evident disposition to censure the spection and favoritism toward eastern receivers. Corn, dealers charged, had been inspected in grades unmerchantable and severe discounts exacted while inand severe discounts exacted while in-spector's reports still verified that the con-dition of the corn was "cool and sweet; though damp."

Chief Inspector E. H. Culver, of Toledo in defense stated that the inspection de-partments had absolutely nothing to do

with the price of grain or the discounts. Everything possible is being done to conduct the work honestly and fairly. In my opinion the fault lies with the dealer in the selection of poor corn to fill contracts. The corn arrived wet, soft, dirty and heating and could but merit the grade it was receiving. As an instance of unjust complaint I cite an incident with Halli-day & Ayers of Greentown. Mr. Halliday shipped for contract grain in such condi-tion that had he not been positive of the car numbers, he could never have identi-

fed the corn as his own shipment.

Mr. Halliday who was present confirmed Mr. Culver's report and stated in addition, that it was his opinion that a solution could be obtained for the trouble by inducing track buyers not to bid for grain so early in the fall, which was

heartily applauded.

J. D. Shanahan, Chief Inspector of Buffalo: Nothing would please me better than to have carried out the suggestion made by Mr. McCardle; to have some one to share the responsibility and the odium of our office. It would take some of the responsibility from us and place it

upon a recognized representative of the grain shipper. I do not think the central market would be willing to pay for it—or at least for all of it. In the matter of our work as inspectors, it is our duty to protect both the eastern and the western man. The inspector has absolutely nothing to do with discounts. Now as to the reason this corn is hot and has not graded: I have often wondered at the poor judgment of shippers who express surprise, and wonder why corn does not grade, when it contains from 18 to 20 per cent moisture. The chief source of the trouble is that too many of the farmers house their grain in cribs without any cover. This grain is shelled and marketed. At first sight we can tell that it has not cured, that it is moist or is already in the stage of germination. Another precaution which should be exercised by the farmer is in selecting his seed. The farmer should either properly house his corn and bring in marketable grain or be made to pay the

E. H. Culver: The Toledo Inspection E. H. Cuiver: The Toledo Inspection Depart, will gladly welcome the movement Mr. McCardle suggests. The man may have a desk in my office. We will gladly furnish him stationery or do anything to

promote the movement.

O. J. Thompson: I for one am willing as a country shipper to bear at least a part of the expense of this extra man at the central market. We do feel that there is some injustice in an inspection which today makes the grain absolutely safe to the man by whom it is received at the expense of the shipper. Corn that grades 4 today should be graded 4 and not what it will grade several days in the future.

The hour for the noon adjournment brought the discussion to a close.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

At the opening of the afternoon session President Wood announced the appoint-

ment of the following committees:
Resolutions: H. E. Kinney, James
Guild, Cloyd Loughry, T. B. Wilkinson,
Jas. W. Sale.

Nominations: Bennett Taylor, Chas. Mollett, Chas. Seward, Chris Egly, Thos.

Auditing: Percy E. Goodrich, A. B. Cohee, O. Jay. I. W. Mc-Constitution and By-laws:

Cardle, P. E. Goodrich, E. W. Phares.
Grievances and Appeals: J. S. Hazelrigg, W. H. Cooper, D. R. Webb, J. P.

Shoemaker, A. B. Cohee. C. J. Pickering read a paper on "Why Millers and Grain Dealers Should be Friendly" from which we take the follow-

ing:
J. C. Hite, Pres. Indiana Millers Assn., continued the discussion of the subject, urging a more amicable relation between millers and grain dealers in the state. Indiana, is a state of small mills. They are favorably disposed towards the elevator interests so long as their demands are just. A little better understanding would eliminate whatever feeling of understanding the state of th would eliminate whatever feeling of un-rest is now prevailing. All grain dealers handling flour should handle the product of their own miller and not the imported product. Millers would reciprocate by purchasing at a just price all of their wheat possible from the grain dealer.

C. E. Nichols read a short paper on "Why It Pays to Arbitrate Rather than Litigate" in which he said:

ARBITRATION VS. LITIGATION.

I had some experience in both arbitration and litigation years ago, before I

was a member of an organization that had an arbitration Com., when it was left to neighboring dealers. The arbitrations were left to men of good judgment in the same line of business, who were familiar with just such transactions as they were called upon to decide, and their decisions were entirely satisfactory, at least to me.

While in the case of litigation, I was sued by a party who I did not think had any case whatever, but after testifying against one another all day long and



Vice-Pres. T. A. Morrisson, Kokomo, Ind.

the case had gone to the Jury, I went home thinking the other fellow had rade out quite a case. I never want another law suit if it can possibly be avoided. I mention these facts in my own experience because they go to show that it pays to arbitrate rather than litigate; and then again it is so much

with experience because they go to show that it pays to arbitrate rather than litigate; and then again it is so much cheaper.

I had the honor last year of being Chairman of the National Hay Ass'n Arbitration Committee. That Committee was composed of five members, from as many different states, consisting of two receivers, and three shippers. We were called upon to decide eight cases, I believe, and in each case there was a unanimous verdict. Being a shipper, I am sorry to say that nearly every case was decided in favor of the purchaser, which only goes to show that while the majority of the Comite were shippers, they could see the justice of the case and could decide in favor of the receiver with no partiality.

The Arbitration Committes of organizations of this kind are usually selected, I believe, from widely separated parts of the state, and are supposed to be men of wide experience and good judgment. The differences which are bound to creep in occasionally between the buyer and the seller are usually honest differences, and all either party wants is to do the right thing, but they do not see allke. If you had a difference in which you were sure you were right, would you not rather leave it to five disinterested impartial men who were familiar with transactions of that kind governing such deals, than to a jury, however honest and not familiar with customs?

As to the cost of arbitration, the ruge overning the Committee of the Nat. Hay Ass'n, is that each party to the arbitration puts up \$10 and the successful party has his money refunded. Compare that to Attorney fees and Court costs, as well as not having men to decide it for you who are familiar with such transactions.

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C. B. Riley continuing the subject emphasized the fact that had arbitration no other merit than that the cases are submitted entirely to the judgment of men experienced in the trade, it would be preferable to litigation. Submitted to litigation, the case may be tried before juries disposed to be fair and just, but in such matters their judgment is not to be

compared with that of men who are thoroughly familiar with the business and all the exigencies of the trade.

A. F. Files in a paper on the subject:
"How Can We Assist In Securing Better
Weights and Grades in Terminal Markets," presented the following:

E. H. Culver, in a short talk attributed poor cooperage of cars to be an important factor in shortages. Cleats on car doors should be placed on inside instead of outside of board. Most on all doors should side of door. Most or all doors should be doubled at the bottom. When doors are doubled cleats should not face each other to allow leakage of grain. Sides of cars should receive attention and grain should be kept from behind siding. King-bolts should be carefully sealed. Toledo is planning a chart report of inspection of its cars so that in every instance of suspected leakage, the same will be indicated on illustrated diagram. In the schedule of inspecting corn the following percentages of moisture indicate the Toledo scale of grades: 14—to 16 %—No 3; 17—to 20 %—No 4; above 20 %—No Grade.

J. D. Shanahan: It would seem that there was little chance for mistakes in scales, which are supposed to have their accuracy guaranteed mechanically, but this is a mistake. It is wonderful how a small is a mistake. It is wonderful now a small matter will put a scale out of order and the smallest variation throws the whole weight out considerably. Scales are good, had and indifferent and the man who buys department-store-scales deserves little sympathy in his troubles. When a man is putting scales in his elevator the cheapest is the best he can buy. They should be of the best reputation and of known quality, to conform to U. S. standards. They should be placed on perfect foundation, be perfectly aligned and then perfectly tested and adjusted. In Buffalo our scales are tested by 120-50 lb. weights, the scales adjusted to these and then the weights replaced by grain and retested. done at least 3 times a year which is de-manded by the constant shifting and wear to which the scales are subjected. There are many ways in which a man can make a mistake be he ever so honest and careful. The automatic check-weight system is instituted to guard against dishonesty.

In regard to inspection, much of the dis-satisfaction is due to the fact that it is almost impossible to get into the car. This is especially true of cars loaded with oats. The inspector must have a fair show to get into the car. Unless he does the chaff and dirt constituting the last run into the car will be taken as the sample and an

car will be taken as the sample and an unfair judgment be passed upon the car.

L. A. Morey, New York: Cooperage of cars must be a factor in shortages in weights. Rail shipments from Buffalo to New York average a shortage of 8 bu. per car. Lake and rail shipments, where the railroads keep a special crew for coopering cars, average a shortage of only in bu. per car. The method in loading corn must have something to do with the condition in which it arrives at terminals. Some cars arrive in New York hot in the ends only. They have apparantly been loaded with car-loaders which make considerable meal and this when packed with the corn heats it. Every dealer should advise his broker early of the consignment of his grain and give definite instruction "hold for reinspection unless it grades a

A. E. Reynolds, former president of the Assn. read a paper in defense of the maintenance of the National Association

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from which we take the following

E. Goodrich introduced the following resolution endorsing President Roosevelt's rate-regulation plan; the resolution was adopted and the executive committee later instructed to carry out its suggestions:

WHEREAS, The transportation question, as the same now exists in this country, is of the utmost importance to every citizen of the United States and especially to the members of this Ass'n and their patrons; and

and their patrons; and
WHEREAS, President Roosevelt has
demonstrated his capacity for understanding the situation and the current
needs of the people, and has displayed
the courage to clearly and forcefully
present to Congress his views in urging
the enlargement of the powers of the
Interstate Commerce Commission, to the
end that rates and service of the transportation companies may be reviewed
and modified, with the power in the
Commission, necessary to enforce its
findings and the accomplishment of the
purpose indicated. Therefore be it

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RESOLVED, That it is the sense of
this Association, that the powers of the
Interstate Commerce Commission should
be so enlarged as to meet the recommendations of the President, and that
the Honorable Senators and Representatives from this State be requested to
support such legislation, and the Secy
of this Ass'n be directed to forward a
copy of this resolution to the President
and copies to each of the Senators and
Representatives from this State.

Wednesday Evening Session.

The night session was given to the hearing of papers on the transportation question. The shippers' point of view was presented ably in a paper by H. E. Kinney, from which we take the following:

TRANSPORTATION FROM A SHIP-PER'S STANDPOINT,

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TRANSPORTATION FROM A SHIPPER'S STANDPOINT.

The effects on different association members varies in slight degree. Some of the important features affecting the country elevator man are only incidental to the truck buyer, yet, upon the whole, all matters affecting the one, in a way concern the other. We must, therefore, consider the country elevator and the farmer's trade, as the foundation of our business and begin at that point.

To the local elevator man or what we usually term country shipper, is the question of elevator location, leases, etc. The transportation companies have generally formulated what would seem to be a very unfair lease, where from necessity the elevator or warehouse must be built on company land, forcing lessee to waive all rights of action against the lessor for neglect or refusal to perform duties as common carrier, thereby minimizing the value of his investment, destroying its use as colateral, or basis of credit, by imposing upon the lessee obligations which are almost impossible to carry out—such as, confining of shipments to that particular road, right to cancel on short notice, release themselves from liability of fire or other damage caused by the acts of their employees, control all tracks connected with such houses and business, and at will, to designate them as regular team or hauling tracks, in this way retarding the use and value of elevators, built at great cost to the shipper, for the use and benefit of the railroad. The state railroad commany's land.

Shippers who furnish elevator and storage facilities for railroad use, located either on private ground or on railroad and, should be allowed compensation for storage of grain or other commend the legalizing of demurrage charges, making the same reciprocal; covering delays in handling at terminal points, especially the switching and delivery of cars, defining what should constitute a reasonable time for service of a general and usual character, compensating the shipper and the carrier alike for all delays. We would al

ages suffered by shippers from deterioration and other losses occasioned by failure to handle consignments properly in car loads. This, we think, should have legislative attention, and our commission should be fully empowered to enforce rules governing the

service.

We would urge most earnestly the Interstate Commerce Commission's attention to such rules or laws as will cover unusual delays in the handling of Interstate traffic; defining reasonable time for delivery, safeguarding, in some way, the shipper of perishable goods,



Secy. J. M. Brafford, Indianapolis, Ind.

as the humane laws protect the shipper of live stock.

When the railroads accept our pershable corn and have full knowledge of the damages attending delay, they should be competled to protect delivery, and where delivery cannot be maderun it into an elevator and have it handled as carefully as they would live stock that has been on the road an unreasonable time.

Our grain, when perishable—as new corn always is—and conditions are well understood by traffic and transportation officials—deserves care, never given it, and when accepted for transportation the carrier should accept responsibility of carring for it in a reasonable way. There is no plausible excuse for consuming five to ten days here in Indianapolis, in switching cars of new corn to an elevator for handling and by such delay cause ruin of the property. Netther is there an excuse for allowing cars to stand on side tracks for weeks after loading or to be set out of trains, causing grain to rot, the officials refusing or neglecting to locate by tracing. Numerous instances of this kind have occurred here in Indianapolis within the past two months, where our Belt road is the pride of all our people, and where delays in handling should be at a minimum. This is one of the special hardships of receivers. I have one man whose entire time is taken up in tracing cars, when the movement is at all heavy, and some of his records would surprise you.

We have frequently been told, this season, that our grain traffic did not pay as good revenue as miscellaneous freight, therefore we would be furnished no cars so long as they could be used for "house freight" or general merchandise. This discrimination is unjust and I believe the figures will not warrant the assertion that "house freight" pays better, when the cost of handling acred. This discrimination is unjust and I believe the figures will not warrant the assertion that "house freight" pays better, when the cost of handling acred. This discrimination is unjust and the development of the second and the expenses atte

attendant upon its delivery are considered.

The railroads have specialized almost every line of service—four-day stock trains to Boston from Indiana and Illinois points, as well as fresh meat trains on the same schedule; three-day merchandise trains from New York to Indianapolis, with eight-hour trains between Chicago, Indianapolis and St. Louis for merchandise. At the same time they give us fifty-day trains for

new corn. to Boston, forty-day trains for New York or other Eastern points when cars are carded "NEW CORN, PERISHABLE, MUST NOT BE DELAYED." These are not exaggerations. Any of us can cite cases this season of fifty days to Seaboard when carriers accepted our corn as perishable and gave assurance that it would go through in ten days. We are deserving of better things. We must demand them.

The track buyer is particularly interested in the question of stable rates and adjustment of claims, such as arise from overcharges, damage to property in transit on account of delay, leaky cars and general bad equipment forced upon grain shippers.

Rules effective on some roads compel agents, in billing cars, to bill at marked capacity of car, regardless of amount loaded, others at ten percent over marked capacity. Some roads demand loading to ten percent over marked capacity. Some roads general tendent of the control over marked weight and some roads practice a system of raising weights on shipments of grain two to insure them full revenue from connecting lines. The result is, overcharges of all descriptions on domestic shipments and long, tedious delays in their collection. Some remedy must be had. Claims for loss or damage in transit are always long-time ones, frequently refused on purely technical grounds. Litigation being expensive, many smaller shippers are powerless to protect themselves, while the larger ones often get claims of all descriptions no notomestic shipments and long, tedious delays in their collection. Some remedy must be had. Claims for loss or damage in transit are always long-time ones, frequently refused on purely technical grounds. Litigation being expensive, many smaller shippers are powerless to protect themselves, while the larger ones often get claims of all descriptions honored promptly as part of their compensation for business, which is only another name for rebate or concession.

The grain dealer is willing always to pay fair rates. No one complains of the charges prevention at the pay fair r

Thursday Morning Session.

At the opening of Thursday morning's session Inspector Culver read a draft of proposed inspection rules comparing them with the rules now in force at Toledo and submitted them to the association for consideration. Various minor changes in stipulations as to the grades were sug-gested for wheat and rye which met with little adverse comment but the proposition to make the Toledo 3 white oats 95 % white met with marked opposition.

L. A. Morey: Other markets allow 1/8 or 87/2 % white to be a 3 white oat, and I cannot see why Toledo should stipulate

Inspector Culver: Our cereal trade demands a high quality of oats and we maintain a correspondingly high grade of 3 white oats to meet this demand. Certain states may grow the same commodity, the same variety and obtain an entirely different quality. Our 3 white oat caters more especially to the Indiana and Ohio oat and they bring a premium in the mar-

J. W. McCardle: I move that Mr. Culver modify his 3 white oats to conform to the New York and Buffalo grades. Mo-

tion carried.

A. E. Reynolds: In regard to this association giving an expression of either approval or disapproval of these rules submitted by Mr. Culver, I do not think we should give the impress or the guarantee of the Indiana shippers on a schedule of

opportunity for consideration. We ought not to go on record as endorsing Cleveland inspection and accept the responsi-bility of their inspection department. The bility of their inspection department. The National Association is working to establish a national uniform system of grades and we must not make the mistake to endorse something now which might stand in the way of the furtherance of such a movement. I stand opposed to giving to Toledo inspection rules the impress of Indianal or and company to the standard or and the standard or an

diana's endorsement.

J. F. Courcier introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

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RESOLVED, That the Indiana Grain Dealers' Ass'n at its Annual Meeting assembled, declare itself in favor of the adoption of uniform rules for the grading of grain and request the Chief Inspectors' National Ass'n to adopt' and recommend to the Grain Dealers' National Ass'n usch rules as in their judgment will best meet conditions and render the application of the rules effective in every market of the country.

E. H. Culver: The matter has been before the National Inspectors for 5 years

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and has died there.

C. A. McCotter, Secy. Grain Dealers National Mutual Fire Insurance Co., read a comprehensive paper on "Elevator Insurance and Self-Inspection."

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THE INSURANCE COMPANY VERSUS THE ELEVATOR OWNER.

Upon the recent death of Robert Atkinson of Boston, the Boston Fire Underwriters' Union, composed of stock and mutual insurance men, passed a fitting memorial, of which the following is the preamble. "To him, more than to any other man, is due the now general belief that it is the duty of fire underwriters to lessen by their advice, influence and business methods the waste of property of the American people through the volume of fire losses." The method of systematic, building-to-building inspection for the lessening of fire losses through the correction of dangerous defects, was first devised and applied, at the suggestion of Mr. Atkinson." This fitting tribute is mentioned because it was the writings of Mr. Atkinson, that twenty years ago guided and educated the speaker in the principles of mutual insurance, an annuel of the proposition of fire insurance, as handled, is on the principle that the insurance company is the medium through which the many make their contributions to be disbursed to the unfortunate few. The underwriting problem is for the insurance company is the medium through which the pay these losses and the expenses and dividends. Mr. Atkinson held that the \$175,000,000 fire loss in 1905 was largely a wanton and the expenses and contents is a loss to the contributions to be disbursed to the unfortunate few. The underwriting problem is for the insurance company to the country it would have been upon the line that the hundreds of thousands of dollars destroyed annually in country elevators and contents is a loss to the community. The labor and savings of years has been destroyed. The community for a time has lost the facilities for handling and selling grain and often at important periods to the farmers and merchants. The employees are thrown out of work, at a sacrifice to get a new position or to await rebuilding.

Now, instead of merely d

As yet this proposition is new to the grain fraternity. For years, elevator

owners seem to have paid the premium asked, and, in spite of large expenses and dividends, supposed the insurance companies had some mysterious source of funds to pay the losses. They are now recognizing that the property owner pays everything in the premium. They need to go one step further and recognize that the paymen of the precognize that the paymen of the property owner. The insurance company assumes a liability, but the care and control of the property is left with the owner. He and the employees alone are responsible for the fires, and as the amount of losses caused by fires determine the insurance rice, then they are the ones who make the insurance cost.

It has been demonstrated that, through inspection and selection, and insurance company can secure better than average results, if only the well kept, well maintained and profitable elevators are accepted. But, as the insurance company's inspector can spend only one or two hours a year at each elevator to note what is being done, the inspectors of the pays the insurance company for the best results of the premium. As stated, in the practice of the past, the insurance company has been interested only in the problem of collecting enough premiums, in the aggregate, to pay any losses, including those due to ignorance, carelessness and even cussedness. The effort of any individual or set of individuals to improve and give better 'care resulted only in greater profits to the insurance company, if losses were thereby prevented. Under the many process, and the elevator owner in seeing that work of inspecting elevators studying causes and pointing out defects for correction has been the work involved. The value of provide the many and the elevator owner in seeing that work in vital to the same work done by a man cotinually about the property. With this idea in mind, the Directors of the Grain Dealers' Fire Insurance Co. of Indianapolis, on Jan. 1, 1905, adopted

Jas. W. Sale read a paper on "Why We

Organize" in which he said:

A. Burke supplemented the paper with further remarks on the subject in the course of which he laid particular stress upon the urgency of making known to other dealers the work being accomplished by the association.

The committee on nominations recommended to the Association the following: Pres., E. M. Wasmuth, Roanoke; Vice-Pres., T. A. Morrisson, Kokomo; members board of directors, A. F. Files, Muncie, J. W. McCardle, Indianapolis.

The motion to elect the officers named

by the nominating committee was unani-

The committee on resolutions submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The committee on resolutions submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COUNITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

To the President and Members of the Indiana Grain Dealers Association: Tour Committee on Resolutions beg to report as follows:

We also the paper presented by our president, George C. Wood, for your consideration and endorse the recommendations contained therein.

McCardie on the subject of representative inspectors in various markets for your consideration, and recommend that this paper, together with that of Pres. Wood, to the Board of Managers, with instructions that they take necessary steps to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained.

We urge uniformity of rules in all markets as to time shipments, and recommend, that the National Ass'n traderules be adopted by them, and be made the rules of this Ass'n.

We especially recommend uniformity in the names and conditions constituting grades of grain in all markets. The different names given to grades for contract grain in various terminal markets being most confusing. We urge most earnestly the national association of grain inspectors, to take up this subject at once, and bring about this reform, believing this preferable to government inspection.

We need used by the farmers of the State, and especially recommend legislation suggested by them, guanteeing purity of seed used by the farmers of the State, and especially recommend legislation suggested by them, guanteeing purity of seed offered for suitable inspection and penalties for infringement.

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We unheatistingly endorse the Railroad Commission of Indiana in its efforts to execute the laws and bring about better conditions in all matters of transportation brought to its notice. And wo

A motion to adopt the report and instruct board of managers to take the necessary steps to carry into effect was unani-

The following report was received from the Committee on Grievances and Appeals and upon motion was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

In the matter of a scoop shovel business conducted by the White, Runsey Grain Co., of Chicago, Ill., operating in the territory of Mr. Bailey at La Crosse, Ind., beginning in October, 1905, and continuing up. to the present time, we, your committee, after hearing the evidence of Mr. Bailey, recommend our State Secretary, that he take this matter up with the White, Runsey Grain Co., also the Grain Dealers Journal; as well as other grain papers published in the interest of the Ass'n, and make every available effort to have the White, Runsey Grain Co. to withdraw from doing a scoop shovel business at La Crosse, Ind., as well as any other place they may attempt to operate a scoop shovel business.

J. S. Hazelrigg, W. H. Cooper, H. C. Clark.

The Auditing Committee confirmed as correct the financial statements in the report of the treasurer and the report upon motion was received as approved by the Association.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

E. M. Wasmuth at the opening of the afternoon session read a paper on "Who is a Scoop-shoveler? Who is a Regular Dealer?" from which we take the following:

WHO IS A SCOOP-SHOVELER? WHO IS REGULAR?

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The day has passed when any line of
trade can secure a sufficient remuneration
for its efforts and keep abreast of other
lines of trade, without organization.
Every avenue of trade and employment
is organized. Every city has its numerous organized every city has its numerous organized. Every city has its numerous organized with national organizations
of a like character. This myonents is
extending and will continue until the
proper governmental restrictions, these
organizations will be so perfected as to
insure to each of us a fair field and a
square deal in any pursuit we desire
to follow.

No one presumes to question the right
of this method. It is the first law of
nature to preserve self and self-interests.
The purpose of organization is the benefit of the trade organized in a general
sense, and of the members individually.
To be effective, the organization must
be an organization of people whose interests are similar and mutual.

In the organization of grain dealers,
as in all like organizations. It becomes
necessary, therefore, to require certain
apprenticeship at the trade.

The furniture manufacturers' ass'n requires that a member be regularly enragged in the manufacture of furniture
and equipped with necessary facilities.

The retail grocers' ass'n requires that
its members operate stores where groceries are offered for sale, and naturally
no street vender with a basket full of
merchandise belonging to a supply
house, would be admitted to membership.
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Grain dealers' ass'ns, in a general way, require that members shall be regular grain dealers, and out of this qualification of being regular dealers, there arises a possibility of a difference of opinion. Who is a regular dealer and who is a scoop-shoveler?

In a general sense, a scoop-shoveler is one who handles grain without any equipment other than that required to scoop grain from the farmers' wagons into cars. In some cases, such dealers are considered regular, however, and are admitted to membership. The circumstances which admit of him being termed regular being that he be located where there is no equipped dealer and that his business be so managed as not to interfere with dealers who have equipment. In all cases where there are two dealers at a station, one being equipped and the other not, ass'ns are justifiable in recognizing only the former, even though he be the last one to locate at the station. In my opinion, the following are the most important qualifications determining a dealer as regular.

That he should have the necessary amount of equipment for the handling of the business at his station. This would depend somewhat on the requirements of his station, but ordinarily should consist of some kind of power

for handling, bins for storing, and machinery for cleaning and preparing the grain for market. It is of vital importance to the farmer that he should have a market where he can dispose of his grain in whatever condition it may be furnished him by a modern clevator. But no man or firm with an investment in such equipment, can successfully compete with a buyer without any investment on grain that is ready to load for market.

Then he should operate his house through the entire year and be ready to purchase grain whenever it is offered, wo one should be considered regular when the movement is heavy and stays out or follows other pursuits when the business is light and scarcely pays expenses. There is use for and need of grain elevators and grain dealers, and fair competition is also needed and should be welcomed, but unfair competition is not wholesome to the dealers nor to their customers.

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Charles S. Clark of Chicago continued the discussion of the subject.

S. D. Bailey complained of a Kankakee receiver—the White & Rumsey Grain Co., whom he charged with coming into his territory and scooping grain, and asked if any thing could be done to induce the grain dealers journals to publish the of-

It was shown that it would not have been in the interest of the trade at large to have done so until the Ass'n abandoned its efforts to bring about an amicable settlement, in fact it would have handicapped the Sec'y in his efforts. P. E. Goodrich introduced the following

resolution which upon motion was

adopted:

RESOLVED That the Foard of Managers be authorized and instructed to co-operate with other trade organizations in preparing and presenting a case to the State Railroad Commission, covering the car service and demurrage rules as now enforced in this State by the Railroad Companies and to seek to bring about a reciprocal rule, whereby the shippers will be able to exact service from the railroads or recover a penalty for failure to furnish equipment, and move cars after loading.

C. B. Riley submitted the following which was

adopted:

WHEREAS, One of the great sources of trouble, financial loss and disaster falling to the country grain dealers is the direct result of contracting for grain ahead of the time it is ready for delivery, and the sale of the same before it is received or ready for delivery; therefore be it RESOLVED. That it is the sense of this meeting that such practices should be abandoned and that track buyers and other receivers should coperate with this Ass'n in its effort to break up this dangerous and unprofitable practice.

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lution which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That reliable information has been received by this Ass'n that White-Rumsey Grain Co., of Chicago, has been scoopers at La Crosse, Ind., and it is the sense of this meeting, that at thorough investigation be made, and if such actions by said firm is found to be true, that the same be condemned as a menace to the regular grain dealer.

A. E. Reynolds reported an unsuccessful attempt to obtain adjustment of differences with Kinsey Bros. of North Manchester by arbitration and appealed to the Association for the expulsion of Kinsey

Association for the expulsion of Kinsey Bros. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

J. F. Courcier, S. W. Strong and J. W. McCord, secretaries respectively of the National, the Illinois and the Ohio Ass'ns, were introduced and expressed felicitations in behalf of their organizations.

The chief event of the afternoon came in the lecture by Prof. G. I. Christie of Purdue University on "How Can the Grain Dealer Assist the Farmer in Raising in Indiana a Corn that Will Mature?"

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I am glad of the opportunity to talk to a body of men who, in my opinion, are of all men in the best position to do the most towards improvement in grain production. In Indiana, dealers seemed as yet to have not realized their position, their opportunities for help in the movement. In Iowa much has been done with immense practical results by the State University, but the real progress in the work did not come until the grain dealers became interested in the movement. Now, almost every dealer's office is a corn laboratory, a place where farmers gather to discuss corn, and where experiments in tests of individual ears are made. It has become the headquarters of the community interested in developing a corn most productive and best adapted to that locality.

(With the aid of charts upon which were tabulated the statistics compiled from actual observations made from

grawing crops. Prof. Christic showed that by the selection of regular, uniform seed the stand of corn was remarkably increased; that the tips and butts of the cars and all irregularly grained corn should not be used for seeding purposes because no planter discs can be adjusted to drop regularly irregular grains.)

The problem of obtaining pure seed is an especially serious one for the farmers of Indiana for the coming year. Little of the corn this year is standing the germinating test and special vigilance should be exercised in the selection of seed. The farmer should be positive that every ear put into the ground will grow. This means an individual ear test. The grain dealer should arrange to conduct tests in his office. Construct a simple germination box and encourage farmers to bring in their grain to be tested. He might distribute thoroughly tested seed himself. It has been tried by other dealers and the financial returns in the end have always more than justified the experiment. Dealers are in a position to know where in their community the best seed may be obtained. They may, by being so actively cragaged in the pure seed movement, be able to Influence a large number of men now furnishing the markets poor corn, who could be reached by no other means; they are often the class who neither read nor head the bulletins sent out by state institutions, nor can be interested by farmers' institutes. The grain dealer can do more than any other agent in cooperating with the state universities in this work and in every move that is made by the dealer the state experimental station is behind him for help and advice.

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The heartiest of applause greeted Prof. Christie at the close of his address and the following motion offered by Jas. W. Sale was unanimously carried:

RESOLVED, That this Ass'n tender its thanks to Prof. Cristie for his able address on the improvement of corn growing and pledge to Purdue University our hearty cooperation, as an Ass'n, in disseminating the valuable information row being obtained through the experiments conducted at the University.

Prof. Christie stated to the Association that in the State Legislature's budget of appropriations, \$2500 had been allotted to crop experimental work at Purdue University while the dairying interests and other agriculture work had each received \$5000 and it was his view that the crop experimental work merited a larger appropriation.

In accordance with Prof. Christie's suggestion, J. M. Brafford offered the following resolution which was unanimously

RESOLVED. That this Ass'n endorse the Legislature in the recent appropriation of \$2.500 for crop improvement, and that the Indiana Grain Dealers' Ass'n ask the next Legislature for an appropriation of at least, \$5,000, to be used by Purdue University for crop improvement experiments.

E. H. Young of Evansville introduced the following resolution, which, after considerable discussion was submitted to the vote of the association and adopted:

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this organization, that the discounts prevailing this season at Baltimore on the grades of corn above rejected, are unjust, unfair and entirely unnecessary for the maintenance of Baltimore as an export market.

Previous to adjournment, short ad-

dresses expressing their appreciation of honors and pledging earnest effort, were made by President-elect E. M. Wasmuth and vice Pres.-elect T. A. Morrison.

Convention Notes.

Boston's representative was Geo. F. Reed.

The Grain Dealers National Ass'n was represented by its Secretary, John F. Courcier, the Illinois Ass'n by Secy. S. W. Strong, Pontiac, and the Ohio Grain Dealers Assn by Secy. J. W. McCord, Columbus.

St. Louis was represented by Chas. F. Beardsley.

The only elevator builder present-N A Grabill, Daleville, Ind.

Ex-Secy S. B. Sampson was welcomed by many old time friends.

New York was represented by L. A. Morey of Jones & Morey Co.

Michigan representatives None of the dealers stopping at head-

Baltimore representatives were D. Y. Huyett, rep. Thos. H. Botts & Co.; and

The Railroad Commission of Indiana was represented by its Secy, C. B. Riley

Buffalo was represented by M. B. Pratt. Pratt & Co.; T. J. Stofer, Alder & Stofer; A. T. Ward, Burns Bros.

The Chicago Commercial Assn. Bureau of Conventions was represented by the Secy.-Gen'l Manager, Curt M. Treat.

The machinery and supply trade was represented by H. W. Caldwell, Barnard & Leas; A. S. Garman, Huntley Mfg. Co.; J. W. Sturgis.

the city Thursday, kept several millers who are also dealers, from attending the second day's meetings

Listening to grievances against inspection at the meetings were Chief Inspectors E. H. Culver, Toledo; Wm. Greimer, Indianapolis; and J. D. Shanahan, Buffalo.

From Illinois were W. F. Banta, Ridge From Hinnois were W. F. Banta, Ridge Farm; A. M. Blythe, Gays; H. L. Bush-nell, Hoopeston; R. F. Cummings, Clif-ton; H. N. Knight, Monticello, and F. W. Voris, Neoga.

the Board of Directors held a short meeting at which Secy. J. M. Brafford and Treas. Bert A. Boyd were elected for the ensuing year.

The Indiana Lumbermen, Indiana Engineers Assn., Indiana Millers Assn., In-diana Grain Dealers Assn. and National Miners Assn.,—all in session in Indianapolis on Thursday.

Jaeger, of J. F. Zahm & Co.; K. D. Keilholz, of Southworth & Co.; John C. Keller, rep. C. A. King & Co.; John A.

Dealers from Ohio at the meeting were C. E. Bear, Hicksville; E. A. Grubbs, of E. A. Grubbs Grain Co., Greenville; D. W. Jay, St. Marys, and J. W. McCord, of McCord & Kelly, Columbus.

Cincinnati's delegation consisted of A. Gale, P. M. Gale, Gale Bros. Co.; S. Emrick, Interstate Grain Co.; H. C. S. Emrick, Interstate Grain Co.; H. H. Hill, Southern Grain Co.; Chas. Manthey; S. L. Mitchell, Metzger-Hill

Souvenirs were numerous and useful. Sam Finney distributed large paper clips which every recipient was glad to hang onto. L. R. Doud, inspector for the Grain Dealers Nat'l Mutual Fire Ins. Co., gave everyone a pencil with celluloid holder. John Keller, representing C. A. King & Co., brot a bountiful supply of good_cigars and everyone bore the label "Boy Solomon." John W. McCardle distributed handsome round-cornered seal pocket hooks lined with morocco. Every dealer not susceptible to the charms of the telephone girls was able to wear a Grain Dealers Journal ear of corn thru out the

The Chicago trade was represented by Arthur R. Sawers and by O. T. Hulburd, (Hulburd, Warren & Chandler). Mrs. Hulburd accompanied her husband on a

Indianapolis dealers in attendance were B. A. Boyd; J. M. Brafford; W. H. Cooper of Cooper & Oddy; J. T. Gehring; J. L. Green; W. J. Mercer, H. E. Kinney; G. C. Bosley, J. W. McCardle; F. E. McComb of Finch & McComb; B. B. Minor; F. M. Murphy; W. E. Jarboe, W. J. Riley of W. J. Riley & Co.

Among dealers of the state who were Among dealers of the state who were in attendance were: I. A. Adams, Bunkerhill; W. H. Aiman, Pendleton; R. A. Adams, Bunkerhill; W. H. Aiman, Pendleton; R. A. Alen, Darlington; P. O. Apple, Oaklandon; G. L. Arnold, Blufton; C. A. Ashpaugh, Scircleville; S. D. Bailey, Wanatah; E. W. Ball, Rushville; C. M. Barlow, Kokomo; W. H. Bassett, Kirkland; J. C. Batchelor, Sharpsville A. E. Betts Frankfort; G. M. Bishop, Walton; O. M. Bishop, Williamsport; J. M. Bosley, Milroy; H. O. Boldt, Hanna; W. E. Brown, Pendleton; M. C. Burt, Morristown; H. C. Clark, Lebanon; A. B. Cohee, Frankfort; H. L. Combs, So. Whitley; M. L. Conley, Frankfort; L. Connarroe, Colfax; J. M. Coucher, Bennetts Switch; B. F. Crabbs, T. C. Crabbs, Crawfordsville; C. F. Davison, Bluffton; J. C. Dewees, Kokomo; T. A. Doan, Ossian; W. H. Dunn, Mt. Comfort; C. G. Egly, Berne; A. F. Files, Muncie; E. M. Fisher, Needham; G. W. Friday, Idaville; F. B. Fox, Tipton; W. S. Fries, Greenfield; H. M. Freeman, Dayton; A. Gardner, Cottage Grove; P. E. Goodrich, Winchester; W. A. Goings, Richmond; J. N. Gordon, Summitville; J. R. Guild, Medaryville; S. J. Haines, Petersburg; H. G. Harting, Elwood; D. E. Harrington, Otterbein; W. C. Hart, Kitchel; A. W. Hayerock, Bruce Haycock, Sims; J. S. Hazelrigg, Cambridge City; J. K. Hinkle, Jamestown; Glen Holland, Cassville; John Holland, Greentown; J. R. House, Hobbs; Jno. Howell, Cammack; E. Hutchinson, Arlington; C. Jackson, Falmouth; F. W. Kennedy, Shelbyville; H. Kerlin, Delphi; W. V. King, Franklin; H. Kinsey, North Manchester; C. Loughry, J. E. Loughry, Monticello; W. B. Lynch, Darlington; B. R. MacElvain, Lawrenceburg; C. S. McCoy, Liberty; C. S. Miller, Elwood; S. A. Miller, Mulberry; C. W. Mollett, Frankfort; H. H. Montman, Delphi; T. A. Morrisson, Kokomo; C. F. Naber, No. Manchester; W. Phares, Tipton; C. J. Pickering, Middletown; A. H. Plummer, McCordsville; B. Price, Crawfordsville; B. Price, Crawfordsville; D. Studebaker, Blufton; J. E. Ryburn, Glenwood; J. W. Sale, Blufton; J. L. Schalk, Anderson; M. Schnaible, Russiaville; E. M. Wasmuth, Roanoke; A. N. Wellington, J. W. Wellington, Anderson; J. C. Wilson, Russellville; J. W. Witt, Lebanon; Geo. C. Wood, Windfall; E. H. Young, rep. W. H. Small & Co.,

Adulteration of Gasoline.

BY R. F. MOORE.

The declaration recently made by one The declaration recently made by one who was for 29 years a trusted employe of the Standard Oil Co. at Decatur, Ill., that the inspection of oil conducted regardless of the provisions of the strict Illinois law, has been a farce, shud place all buyers of oil on their guard against attempts to palm

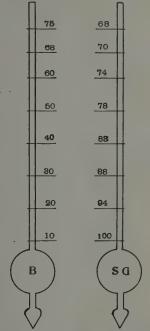


Fig. 2. Scales of Beaume and Specific Gravity Hydrometers for Testing Gasoline.

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It is said that some of the independent oil refiners are greater offenders than the Standard. One independent company is falsely representing its gasoline to be of a certain test, when actually its oil falls several degrees below the quality specified.

Adulteration of oil by the addition of water is easily detected by the eye. As much as 5 gallons of water has been observed in a barrel of gasoline.

Dishonest sellers of oil find their largest opportunity to defraud in misrepresenting the test of their oil, a difference of a few degrees in the test making a difference of almost as many cents in the mar-

ence of almost as many cents in the mar-ket value of a gallon of gasoline.

The gasoline test is quite different from the kerosene test. Kerosene is tested by placing a small quantity in a kettle containing a thermometer, touching a light to the spout and noting the temperature of the oil when the heat has risen to a point where the oil vapors ignite. This degree of heat for ordinary illuminating kerosene is 150 Fahr. Application of this test to gasoline is impracticable for the reason that gasoline gives off inflammable vapors far below common temperatures. The

flashing point of gasoline is 10 to 14 degrees Fahr.; and it is only on a cold winter day that the oil could be cooled to bring it down to a point where this test could be applied.

Gasoline is tested by measuring its specific gravity. A tall glass is partly filled with the oil to be tested and an instrument known as an hydrometer is floated therein. the depth to which the instrument sinks warying as the oil is light or heavy. The method of its use is illustrated in Fig 1 herewith. This gravity test fixes the price of the oil in the markets of the world without reference to its value as a fuel in explosive engines, and herein is the opportunity for the unscrupulous dealer to

Unfortunately for the consumer two different standard hydrometers are in use in testing gasoline. In speaking of gasoline as testing 68 degrees, 72 degrees and 76 degrees the oil dealers as well as the newspapers giving the daily quotations re-fer to the test by the hydrometer marked with the Beaume scale. Writers of gaso-line engine books and some dealers in oil use the specific gravity scale in naming the

When the consumer demands a gasoline showing 68 degrees test it is easy for the crooked dealer to produce a hydrometer, warranted accurate, and showing the oil in question to test 68, when as a matter of fact the test is 75 degrees Beaume, a quite inferior quality for the gasoline en-

Both scales are shown in Fig. 2 herewith, B representing the Beaume and S G the specific gravity hydrometer. Beaume 10 corresponds exactly to 100 specific gravity of 100 spec ity and 68 Beaume is approximately 70 degrees S. G. The fact that the scales run in opposite directions up and down the tube and nearly coincide at about the test of gasoline adds to the confusion and aids the manipulator of the test.

Gasoline engines of improved design will run successfully on a poor grade of oil, but because he has no trouble with the engine is no reason why the grain 'dealer who operates a gasoline engine in his elevator shud pay a big price for an in-ferior oil in the belief that it is the best he can buy.

Strange tho it may seem, yet it is true that the cheaper oil is the best for the gasoline engine. When oil testing 68 Beaume is selling at 10½c per gallon, oil testing 72 Beaume is selling at 13c per gallon; and the oil testing 68 Beaume actually gives more power in the engine per gallon than the more costly grade. A good authority estimates that stove gasoline authority estimates that stove gassimic testing 68 Beaume or .70 spec. grav. will give 3 to 5 per cent more power than oil of 75 Beaume or .68 spec. grav. The heavier gasoline, that testing 68 Beaume, is a contain more cerbon, which imports the state of the second to said to contain more carbon, which imparts energy to the explosion in the engine cylinder.

Hydrometers for testing gasoline are sold at about 6oc apiece by the dealers in chemical apparatus. The grain dealer who will provide himself with one of these will provide himself with one of these instruments and test the oil he purchases will not be guilty of paying 13c for oil of 75 degrees B. when he can buy better oil at 68 B. for less money. Cases are on record where gasoline engine operators have been using an oil of 75 B., for which they were paying 13c, but which actually made their fuel cost 15c per gallon on account of its inferior quality, which was unknown to them.

Receipts of Wheat and Corn at Primary Markets.

Receipts of winter and spring wheat at the leading primary markets since July 1 and prior to Jan. 26 have been 170,829,000 bus., compared with 158,281,000 bus. for the corresponding period of last season.

Corn receipts for the present crop year prior to Jan. 26 have been 109,208,000 bus., compared with 101,709,000 bus. for the corresponding period of last season.

Philippine Imports and Exports.

Philippine imports of breadstuffs during the 8 months prior to Sept. 1, were 96,936 bus of grain and 118,016 bar-rels of wheat flour; compared with 67,-020 bus. of grain and 125,918 barrels of wheat flour during the corresponding

months of 1904.

Hay imports for the 8 months were 5,121 tons; compared with 2,813 tons for

the same months of 1904.

Rice imports for the 8 months were 377,397,938 pounds; compared with 4II,-049,732 pounds for the same months of

Imports of beans and peas for the 8

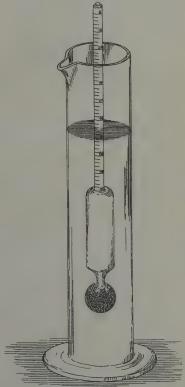


Fig. 1. Hydrometer and Glass for Testing Gasoline.

months were 37,226 bus.; compared with 27,806 bus. for the same months of 1904. Exports of hemp for the 8 months were 88,383 tons; compared with 79,338 tons for the corresponding months of 1904, as reported by the War Department.

No crop report is issued by the government in February.

Grain Trade News

ARKANSAS.

Forrest City, Ark.—The warehouse of the Nimock-Stevens Co. burned Jan. 10 and most of the grain and grocery supplies stored in the house were damaged. Loss on contents nearly \$46,000; insurance \$26,-000.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Cal.—Thos. C. Berry, formerly with H. F. Allen & Co., has engaged in business on his own account and is doing a grain and flour brokerage business.

San Francisco, Cal.—Edw. A. C. Duggan has severed his connection with Balfour, Guthrie & Co. after having been with the firm for 26 years, and for several years supt.

San Francisco, Cal.—Barnard & Bunker will on Feb. 1 succeed the W. C. Barnard Co., Edw. A. Bunker having purchased a half interest in the business. The grain department will be under the charge of Mr. Barnard and Mr. Bunker will have charge of the bean department.

CANADA.

Gladstone, Man.—Morton & Pearson are out of the grain business.

Montreal, Que.—A Buffalo bucket-shop having 5 branches at this city recently failed

Midland, Ont.—Robert J. Leitch was killed instantly Jan. 9 at the new Grand Trunk Eltr. He was assisting in putting the roof on the cupola and fell to the ground, a distance of 80 feet.

Winnipeg, Man.—The grain growers are giving the seed selection train a very warm welcome. Altho the train ran on schedule time crowds in every case were waiting to hear the lectures

Berlin, Ont.—The Board of Trade has adopted a resolution that the most drastic legislation be introduced against bucketshops, and a copy is to be forwarded to the attorney-general.

Calgary, Alta.—The grain inspected at Calgary during the 3 months prior to Jan. 1 amounted to 140 cars of winter wheat, 95 cars of spring wheat, 306 cars of oats, 55 cars of barley and 5 cars of rye. This includes only Calgary and western shipments.

Toronto, Ont.—The suit of the Northern Eltr. Co., of Winnipeg, against the Lake Huron & Manitoba Milling Co., of Goderich, to recover \$10,000 damages and costs for 10,000 bus. of wheat, claimed to have been wrongfully converted, has been withdrawn and an action brot on different grounds.

Quebec, Que.—The C. N. Ry. Co. has arranged with the Quebec Transport Co. to handle its grain exports next season from Quebec to European ports. The C. N. Ry. will ship grain for Quebec over the G. N. and Quebec & Lake St. John Rys. until the branch line from Garneau junction is completed.

Quebec, Que.—The case of the city of Quebec against the owners of the Great

Northern Eltr. was taken up again recently and is now under advisement by Judge Dery. The eltr. has been taxed at an annual rental of \$12,000, which has not been paid for several years. The defendants claim the house is of little value, and is not in use.

Montreal, Que.—Reports received by the Trade and Commerce Department at Ottawa, show that 10,000,000 bus. of grain went to Buffalo last season from Western Canada, compared with 4,000,000 for the previous year. The principal cause of this increase is that the Canadian facilities were not adequate for handling the grain thru to the seaboard.

Winnipeg, Man.—A demonstration was made of a new door for grain cars Jan. 13 in the board room of the Grain Exchange by the owners of the patent, Thomas & Day, of Kenora. The door is divided into 2 sections, the lower half, which swings out to unload the grain, being controlled by a lever. The C. P. and C. N. Rys. are to make a test of the door, each road to have a car equipped for shipping wheat.

Ottawa, Ont.—The Transportation Commission recently recommended grain storage at Montreal for 8,000,000 bus. The routes recommended for consideration to the government are the lakes to Depot harbor and the Grand Trunk and Intercolonial to the tide-water, the Midland, the Grand Trunk and C. P. R. to Montreal and the all-water route via the Welland canal or, if built, the Georgian Bay canal.

Winnipeg, Man.-The 18th annual meeting of the Grain Exchange was held Jan.
10. Capel Tilt, local manager for James
Carruthers & Co., of Montreal, was elected Carruthers & Co., of Montreal, was elected pres., W. J. Bettingen, vice pres. and C. N. Bell, secy. Council—A. R. Hargraft, G. R. Crowe, W. A. Black, R. Muir, John Love, John Fleming, J. C. Gage, Hugh N. Baird, Bruce McBean, W. L. Parrish, J. G. McHugh. Board of arbitration—S. Spink, G. R. Crowe, F. Phillipps, John Love, F. N. McLaren, D. Morrison, W. A. Matheson. Committee on appeals—S. P. Clark, W. A. Anderson, W. A. Black, George Bingham, A. R. Hargraft, A. Reid, W. W. McMillan. In connection with the establishment of a terminal clear-Reid, W. W. McMillan. In connection with the establishment of a terminal clearing house the committee reported: "The method proposed was to have a good responsible manager with an efficient staff at Fort William whose duty it would be to attend to all inward receipts and outward shipments with power to order any one eltr. to deliver complete cargo to a vessel, and by so doing avoid friction and loss of time in vessel moving from one house to another. In addition to the office in Fort William it was proposed that an office should also be maintained in Winnipeg with the duties of taking over all docu-ments and receiving from the Fort William office all expense bills, weight certificates, etc., and attending to the proper and prompt distribution to the grain trade in Winnipeg. John Love, the retiring pres. read a very interesting report on the work of the past year. The roll now shows 229 active and 16 associate mem-

CHICAGO.

The annual sale of sample tables is to be held at 2:30 p. m. to-day.

Jas. D. Clarke, formerly with the Harris, Scotten Co., has gone with Geo. H. Daggett & Co.

The ballot on the doubling of the commission rate has been postponed from Jan. 25 to Feb. 15.

Earl H. Prince, the former Board of Trade operator, was discharged in bankruptcy Jan. 9 by Judge Bethea.

The War Department has unofficially refused to sanction delay by the city of Chicago in removing the tunnel obstructions under the river.

The first grain handled on the line of the Indiana Harber Ry. was shipped Jan. 22 by Mrs. Jennie M. Conrad to Arthur R. Sawers at Chicago.

One of the big private wire houses is said to pay its pit traders \$22,000 a year in salaries, which on a brokerage basis would be increased to \$120,000.

The old Galena Eltr., recently purchased by the Chicago & Northwestern Ry., is being taken down by the Western Wrecking & Lumber Co.

The directors of the Western Grain & Eltr. Co. declared Jan 10 a 6 per cent quarterly dividend upon the outstanding preferred stock of record, payable Jan. 15.

Chas. E. Burt, who was charged with complicity in a plot last summer to rob his former employers, Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington, was discharged Jan. 16 by Justice Fherhardt

The custom which permits public warehousemen to deal in grain stored in public eltrs, contrary to the spirit of the law, is just now having its vicious effects illustrated.

D. T. Hammond, a small trader on the Board of Trade, caused a small flurry recently by failing to clear, but a notice was soon posted that he had made good his obligation to the clearing house.

Chas. Carhart, a former prominent wheat trader, is said to owe \$50,000 and his membership in the Board of Trade has been ordered canceled by the directors for nonpayment of the special \$25 assessment.

An amendment to the rules of the Board of Trade requiring receivers to charge interest on advances made to country shippers of grain has been requested by cash grain firms in a petition to the directors.

The transportation committee of the Board of Trade Jan. 16 adopted a resolution protesting against the unsettled state of export rates on grain from the Missouri River and demanding that the railroads fulfil their promises of a year ago.

At a recent meeting of the Clothing Manufacturers Ass'n resolutions were passed declaring that the new and advanced rate of exchange established by the Chicago Clearing house is exorbitant, and unjust to the business interests of Chicago.

The offices of the Nash-Wright Co., Ware & Leland, Rosenbaum Bros., the J. Rosenbaum Grain Co., and other offices in the Postal Telegraph building were entered Dec. 14 by burglars, who secured a small amount of money and stamps from desks which were broken open.

E. A. Hamill was appointed treas. of the Board of Trade at the meeting of the board of directors held Jan 23, and Geo. M. Reynolds was chosen treas. of the Board of Trade Clearing House. Samuel Powell is to continue in charge of the clearing house, with J. F. Lee as assistant mgr.

"There are plenty of people willing to speculate in grain in the country when the markets offer any inducement. The fluctuations in coarse grains of late have been so small that it has been difficult to execute limited orders, of which we have a good many each day."—H. H. Randolph.

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The "Bohemians" of the Board of Trade held their monthly banquet Jan.

22. This organization is composed of about 100 of the younger members of the Exchange, principally pit traders and 30 new members were initiated at the banquet. Edw. G. Heeman was active in arranging for the affair.

Marshall Field, a member of the Board of Trade since 1873, died Jan. 16 in New York City. At a special meeting of the directors Jan. 17 a memorial of sympathy was adopted and sent to the family. On the day of the funeral, Jan. 19, the session of the Board of Trade was adjourned at 12:30 p. m. instead of the usual hour.

"The move to advance the commission rates on grain is a step in the right direction. Everything else has gone up the last few years except rates for buying and selling grain, and it costs half as much now to make collections through the banks for sales of grain as it does to put the grain through eltrs. The new rates of the banks for collections amount to I-32c to I-16c a bu."—James G. Martin.

Grain shippers are making a general protest against the new collection rates on out of town checks. One shipper had to pay \$37.50 for collecting \$28,000 for grain sold in the east, which amounted to about ¼ of the profits on the business. Threats of criminal prosecution made by the Illinois Manufacturers Ass'n are said to have caused the Clearing House Ass'n to rescind Jan. 16 one of the rules prohibiting its members from receiving checks on banks that have not agreed to make the charge.

The directors of the Board of Trade have reappointed George F. Stone secy, Henry S. Robbins attorney. Among the standing committees appointed for the ensuing year are the following. Warehouse—Rogers, Sager, and Griffin. Grain—Sager, C. B. Pierce, B. A. Eckhart, Edward L. Glaser, and W. N. Eckhardt. Market report—Ware, Bradley, and Griffin. Violation of rules—Harris, Ware, White, Barrell, Andrew and Stream. Flaxseed inspection—Sager, T. M. Hunter, George E. Alt, J. H. Milne, and P. H. Eschenburg. Other inspection—Stream, Harris, and Ware.

The plans for the new Santa Fe Eltr. have just been completed by the John S. Metcalf Co., and bids will be received up to Feb. 1. The plant includes a 400,000-bu. working house, with steel bin bottoms, leg casings and spouts. It will be an up-house enclosed by a brick veneer. Two receiving tracks on each side, with 5 sinks will afford room for unloading 20 cars simultaneously. Two of these tracks will be used for shipping. The plant will be built on a new location where ample track room can be obtained. Storage for 1,100,000 bus. will be afforded by a series of 30 large concrete bins and the interspaces between their convex surfaces.

The question of doubling the commis-

sion rate is principally one of competition with Minneapolis. There the Chamber of Commerce finds the present rate very profitable, and at the time Mr. Jackson visited that city, was not disposed to advance the charge. With the advanced rate Chicago could hold its trade in corn, but Minneapolis would capture a larger share of the wheat business, is the opinion of close observers. Fred Aldrich, who recently returned from Minneapolis, says: "I was assured by several of the most prominent grain men in the northwest that should Chicago take the initiative in increasing commissions that it will only be a question of a short time when the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce will follow suit. In my judgment an increase in commission rates here would ultimately result in a corresponding raise in other grain markets."

The report of the directors of the Board of Trade for the fiscal year ended Jan. o shows \$170,221 cash on hand, of which \$75,770 is in the special assessment fund. Including cash on hand a year ago the receipts have been \$531,554 and the expenditures have been \$361,333. Cash on hand a year ago was \$47,274, against \$19,411 two years ago. The membership on Jan. 9 numbered 1,774; 162 memberships were transferred. The grain sampling and seed inspection department during the year sampled 78,097 cars of grain and 10-693,000 bus. for lake shipment. The weighing department weighed 321,615 cars, 79,966,331 bus. to and from vessels, and 33,748 bags of seed. The department is weighing at all Chicago eltrs. and during the year weighed 450,000,000 bus., a good increase over the quantity weighed the preceding year. The directors recommended that they be authorized to purchase and cancel bonds of the board, believing that such a course is founded upon sound business principles.

Besides the provision doubling the commission on trades in grain futures the recently proposed amendment to the commission rule contains the following addition: A commission or brokerage as prescribed by this rule must be paid on every transaction. A member of this Ass'n cannot execute orders or make purchases or sales on the floor of the exchange for another member, nor for a firm or corporation of which he is not a member or officer and in which he has less than a 10 per cent interest, without charging the regular brokerage as pro-vided by sections 4 and 7 of this rule. A member of this Ass'n, acting as a floor broker may be employed on a salary by another member, or a firm or corporation transacting business on the exchange floor, in a clerical capacity, provided, that in addition to the regular brokerage paid such member for any transactions he may make for the member, firm or corporation employing him, he shall receive a rea-sonable and adequate salary for the services rendered in such clerical capacity; that his engagement in such clerical capacity shall be for a period of not less than one year at a fixed salary in no way contingent upon the amount of business transacted or obtained, and that the agreement between the employer and the employe be set forth in writing properly signed and acknowledged and a copy of the same be filed with the secy, of the exchange and subject to the approval of the violation of rules committee.

McReynolds & Co., shortly after the close Jan. 18, transferred all trades to

Pringle, Fitch & Rankin, for the want of ready money with which to carry on the business. The firm's checks given for grain bot were thrown out by the banks earlier in the day marked "not sufficient funds." Bankers, who are the principal and the principal working the banks are the principal working the p creditors, held a meeting that afternoon, and decided to petition the federal court to declare the firm bankrupt. Accordingly Judge Bethea appointed the Chicago Title & Trust Co. receiver, and that concern placed the firm's affairs in charge of C. Niblack. Atty. Rosenthal filed the petition in involuntary bankruptcy, Noble B. Judah representing the banks and Jacob Ringer several Board of Trade Jacob Ringer several Board of Trade firms. Among the creditors are the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, \$150,000; Corn Exchange National, \$100,000; Bank of Montreal, \$145,000; American Trust & Savings Bank, \$85,000; National Park Bank of New York, \$60,000; Northern Trust Co., \$25,000; Federal National Bank, \$5,500, and 24 banks outside of Chicago, the total liabilities aggregating about \$800,000. The assets are grain in store and eltr. property comprising Eltr. A at South Chicago, bonded and mortgaged for its entire value; Eltr. B in Wood street, valued at \$75,000; and Eltr. C at East St. Louis. George S. McReynolds also operated under the names Mcnolds also operated under the names Mc-Reynolds Eltr. Co. at Chicago, and the Southern Eltr Co. at East St. Louis, Ill. His assets are placed at \$300,000, and the creditors are expected to receive 10 to 40 per cent of their claims approximate-The Bank of Montreal holding warehouse receipts as security for a loan warehouse receipts as security for a loan of \$143.398 on Jan. 23 petitioned Judge Bethea to be allowed to take the grain. Other creditors opposed the petition claiming the grain was in the possession of the receiver. The court ordered the Chicago Title & Trust Co. to sell all the grain, but to hold the proceeds from that stored in Eltr. B in a separate fund, to be turned over to the Bank of Montreal, if subsequently it shud be decided that the bank is entitled to the grain. After the order of sale the banks filed a petition in bankruptcy against the McReynolds Eltr. Co. Mr. McReynolds stood very high in the estimation of the bankers, who were glad to loan him money without security. This accounts for the discrepancy between the value of the grain and the amount of their claims. The feeling of amount of their claims. The feeling of bankers is well expressed by Ernest A. Hamill, pres. of the Corn Exchange Pank, who says: "It is quite the nasti-est affair that I have been mixed up in for years. This man traded on his reputation made by 25 years of honest dealing in Chicago, and in this way was enabled to procure credit where others would have failed."Mr. Reynolds gives the cause of his suspension as "Poor results in cash grain and the large expenses in the last few years. We sustained no losses in the speculative branch of the business." Mr. McReynolds is the son of a former mayor of Peoria, Ill., Matthew McReynolds. He was connected with the grain firm of Tyng & Brotherson of Peoria, then went with W. P. Harvey & Co. of Chicago, who were succeeded by Carrington & Hannah. In 1899 he established a grain business on his own account.

COLORADO.

Trinidad, Colo.—The Quilitch Bros. Grain Co. incorporated, \$5,000 capital stock. Incorporators, H. R. Quilitch, H. A. Quilitch and Geo. J. Jacobs.

Denver, Colo.—One of the 4 warehouses of the Summit Fuel & Feed Co. burned recently with a large quantity of grain and hay. The house will be rebuilt.

Fort Collins, Colo.—In the farmers short course of two weeks at the Colorado Agri. College, Jan. 15 to 27 one day was devoted to a lecture and judging demonstration by Professor C. A. Zavitz on seed selection and to a demonstration in methods of cleaning grain by Professor W. H. Olin and Fritz Knorr.

ILLINOIS

Oregon, Ill.—Ira Ulfers has resigned as agt, for the Neola Eltr. Co.

Monticello, Ill.—Williams & Slate have traded their eltr. for Texas land and have given possession.

Assumption, Ill.—The Farmers' Eltr. Co., recently incorporated, will buy or build an eltr. at once.

La Place, Ill.—V. Hawthorne will build his eltr. larger than he intended, making its capacity 40,000 bus.

Davis Junction, Ill.—The Neola Eltr. Co., of Chicago, is installing a new engine and building a new cistern.

Arcola, Ill.—Cuppy Bros., of Humboldt, has purchased the eltr. of David B. Parr. The sale was made thru John M. Cox.

Andreas (Manhattan P. O.), Ill.—The eltr. of the H. T. Truby Grain Co. has been completed and was opened for business Jan. 2.

Decatur, Ill.—The successors of Postlewait & Co. are W. E. Walker & Co. and not Wallace & Co. as stated in this column Ian, 10.

Farmersville, Ill.—J. A. Byron, formerly at Denver, has accepted the position of mgr. of the eltr. for C. B. Munday & Co., of Litchfield.

Kerrick, Ill.—The farmers in the vicinity of Kerrick have organized a company with \$6,000 capital and will build a coperative eltr.

Allenville, Ill.—H. W. Riley, of Tolono, has purchased the eltrs. of L. R. Smith & Co., of Sullivan, and W. L. Major. Mr. Riley intends remaining in Tolono.

Broadmoor (Campgrove P. O.), Ill.— Meyers & Bocock, of Peoria, have purchased and will operate the eltr. of the Northwestern Eltr. & Grain Co., of Peoria.

Witt, Ill.—John M. Roberts & Son have purchased the eltr. and lumber yard of G. H. Spannagel and took possession Jan. 10. Mr. Roberts' son will have charge of the business.

Bolivia, III.—The Illinois Railroad and Warehouse Commission has entered an order for the C. H. & D. Ry. to put in a switch at Bolivia for the accommodation of a local grain firm.

Elwood, Ill.—The safe in the bank of J. C. Beattie, the local grain dealer, was blown open Jan. 18 by robbers who took \$1,200 in cash. No clew was found to the thieves, who escaped.

Pierson, Ill.—Jacob Klein has purchased the eltr. of J. T. Samans and will take possession March 1. Sam Wilkins will have charge for the new owner. The sale was made thru John M. Cox.

Nevada, Ill.—M. L. Merritt, of Dwight, has purchased the eltr. formerly owned by Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington. Geo. B. Hager purchased the eltrs. some time ago of Merritt Bros. & Co. at Nevada and

Blackstone and still operates them. The firm, of Merritt Bros. & Co., of Dwight, was dissolved at the time of the sale.

Hudson, Ill.—The Hudson Grain & Coal Co. incorporated, \$10,000 capital stock, to deal in grain, coal and building materials. Incorporators, Thos. B. Raycroft, Wm. Humphries and Jacob Schad.

Geneseo, Ill.—The debris is being cleared rapidly away from the site of the eltr. of A. W. Weimer & Co., which burned Dec. 24, and plans are being drawn for the new eltr. which is to be built as soon as possible.

Ludlow, Iil.—Huxtable Bros., of Benson, have purchased for \$20,400 the eltr., corn cribs, oat bins and lumber sheds, with a \$3,000 stock of lumber, of Wm. Murray, of Champaign. An addition is being built to the eltr.

Peoria, Ill.—Geo. Brier will conduct his grain and commission business under the firm name of Geo. Brier & Co. Until recently Mr. Brier was with Quinn & Co. Theodore Jacobs, formerly with Warren & Co., is now with J. M. Quinn & Co.

Garrett, Ill.—The eltr. of the Garrett Grain & Coal Co. was sold at receiver's sale Jan. 4 at auction to C. A. Burks for \$3,000. The company's outstanding indebtedness amounts to about \$15,000. The creditors have sued the directors.

Philadelphia, Ill.—The partnership between C. W. Savage, of Virginia, and E. B. Conover has been dissolved and Mr. Conover has purchased the half interest of Mr. Savage in the eltrs. at Philadelphia and Savage station, near Jacksonville

Galesville, Ill.—Chas. Goin, a helper in the eltr. of Shelby & Caldwell, became entangled recently in the belt, pulley and wheel of the gasoline engine at the eltr. while taking a hasty chance at starting a slipping belt. He escaped without serious iniurv.

Rochester, Ill.—F. F. Twist has sold for \$08,000 his interest in the firm of Twist Bros. to his partners, Ira F., John A. and Noah C. Twist. Mr. Twist will devote his time to his land interests in southern Illinois. The firm owns and operates eltrs. at Rochester, Pawnee, Divernon, Berry (Custer P. O.), Beechley (Auburn P. O) and Breckenridge, also 1,200 acres of land near Rochester and land in Kansas.

Arthur, Ill.—W. O. Moyer, of Chester-ville, has succeeded Jas. H. Wright as mgr. of the eltr. for Bartlett, Kuhn & Co., of Terre Haute, Ind. Mr. Wright has had charge of the eltr. for over 14 years and to show its appreciation of the interest he has taken in the company's business Bartlett, Kuhn & Co. have awarded him a pension of \$30 a month for the remainder of his life. Mr. Wright is now about 75 years of age.

Rowell, Ill.—The eltr. of the Shellabarger Eltr. Co., of Decatur, burned Jan. 19, with 10,000 bus. of corn and oats. The cause of the fire is unknown, as the engineer after starting the fire in the engine room left the eltr. for a few minutes and on returning found the building in flames. The weighing house, warehouse and office were saved. Loss about \$12,000; covered by insurance. M. C. Cooper is mgr. of the plant.

Peoria, Ill.—The annual election of the Peoria Board of Trade was held Jan. 8, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Robert Van Tassell, pres.; Fred H. Smith and Daniel Mowat, vice-presidents; R. C. Grier, secy.; Walter Barker, treas. Directors; T. A. Grier, A. G. Tyng, W. R. Buckley, C. C. Miles, Geo. C. Clark, Adolph Woolner, Jr., E. Roberts, Frank Hall, J. H. Ridge and J. M. Quinn. Arbitration committee; W. B. Kingman, C. H. Feltman and D. D. Hall. Appeals committee; I. W. Donmeyer, F. H. Rockwell and Peter Casey.

Illinois corporations who wish to avoid having their charters cancelled must send Secy. of State, James A. Rose an official statement of the names and addresses of their officers between Feb. 1 and March 1, together with \$1.00 as a fee for filing. This statement could be filed at the same time as the not-in-a-trust statement without extra cost to the state, but duplication gives more fees and work for the heelers. If both statements could be acknowledged before a notary at the same time, it would relieve the corporation officials of some labor, expense and worry.

Cairo, Ill.—The Cairo Board of Trade has its appointed inspectors and weighmasters placed at the eltrs, and warehouses of its members and all grain is inspected and weighed under their jurisdiction. Any complaints arising through unsatisfactory service may be reported to the grain committee for investigation as well as arbitration, this service is rendered for the protection of both the shipper and consignee. The following grain firms are regular members, Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington; Chas. Cunningham, Thistlewood & Co.; Cairo Milling Co.; M. J. Pink & Co.; H. L. Halliday Milling Co.; C. M. Howe & Bro., Samuel Hastings, Redman-Magee & Co.

Peoria, Ill.—Robert Van Tassell, the newly elected pres. of the Peoria Board of Trade, is just 45 years of age and began business in Peoria 17 years ago under the firm name of Van Tassell & Bunn. On the death of Mr. Bunn the name of the firm was changed to the Van Tassell Grain Co., Mr. Van Tassell being sole proprietor. The company does a shipping, commission and consigning business, which has been successful from the start and has a large line of customers in the east. Mr. Van Tassell gave the membership of the Board of Trade a Good-fellowship dinner Jan. 18 at the Greve Coeur Club, of which he has been a member since its organization. T. A. Grier presided as toastmaster.

IDAHO.

Burley Ida.—Taylor & Sons, of Elba, have leased storage room here and have opened a branch of their grain and hay business.

Montpelier, Ida.—The Montpelier Milling Co. incorporated, \$12,000 capital stock, to build a mill at Montpelier. Incorporators, Parmena Jones, N. J. Jones, F. M. Miles, and others.

INDIANA.

Bainbridge, Ind.—R. P. Hilands & Co. have succeeded J. A. Lowe & Son.

Columbus, Ind.—The Columbus Milling Co. contemplates building an eltr.

Finney, Ind.—E. M. Pierce, of Paulding, O., has taken charge of the eltr. of Sam Finney.

Ft. Branch, Ind.—The old stock of wheat is about 2-3 marketed. Eltr. men in this section have their corn as their profit as the wheat has lost its profit in keep-

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ing.—O. W. Leoffler, mgr. Ft. Branch Eltr. Co.

Newcastle, Ind.—A meeting of grain dealers of eastern Indiana was held Jan. 11 at the Bundy hotel.

Hope, Ind.—Nading & Sidener have sold their flour mill but will continue in the grain business.

Walton, Ind.—Geo. W. Bishop, Jr., has completed a new brick power house and has installed a large boiler.—L. D.

Mooresville, Ind.—The Comer & Scarce Co. contemplates building a combined warehouse and eltr. this year.

Lafayette, Ind.—The Corn School at the Purdue University was pronounced a success. Over 500 farmers were present.

Frankfort, Ind.—J. T. Sims has sold his eltr. on the Vandalia to Strange & Fatzinger, who took possession Jan. 1.

Manilla, Ind.—The M. C. Burt Grain Co. is preparing to handle flour and feed, is building a warehouse and will install a feed mill.

Newcastle, Ind.—The Newcastle Eltr. Co. incorporated, \$6,000 capital stock. The directors are; Chas. J. Pickering, Ephraim K. Sowash and E. A. Morris.

Windfall, Ind.—Geo. C. Wood is operating a free circulating library on the care and selection of seed corn and his farmer friends are making good use of it.

Anderson, Ind.—J. W. Wellington, who lost his wife last week, and A. N. Wellington, who lost his mother, have the sympathy of many friends in the trade.

Ridgeville, Ind.—D. G. McFadden & Co., who opened its new eltr. Dec. 5, have already handled over 40,000 bus. of grain. The eltr, was equipped by the Philip Smith Co.

Lincoln, Ind.—A. P. Watkins has doubled the capacity of his eltr., has covered the house with galvanized iron and has added a brick power house and a new boiler.—L. D.

Shelbyville, Ind.—The Nading Mill & Eltr. Co. has completed its \$25,000-bu. house for storing ear corn. It contains a large eltr. and is operated by a 15-h. p. electric motor.—L. D.

Kewanna, Ind.—A. D. Toner has completed his 70,000-bu. eltr., which replaces the house burned last fall. It is equipped with all modern machinery, including an attrition mill for grinding.—L. D.

Medora, Ind.—The Medora Mill Co. incorporated, \$15,000 capital stock, to build and operate eltrs. and flouring mills. Incorporators, Geo. W. Zollman, J. W. Hindelider and Joel C. Hindelider.

South Whitley, Ind.—The Vandalia Railroad Co. is selling its elevators. It has sold its eltr. at Columbia City to Lancaster Bros., and the eltr. here to H. L. Combs, who has been operating it.

Crawfordsville, Ind.—Harry Stout, of Wesley, has purchased a half interest in the Crawfordsville Coal & Grain Co. from Albert H. King and has taken entire charge of the Big Four Eltrs. of the company.

If you really want cars to load with grain why not appeal to the Railroad Commission of Ind. It has already helped a number of shippers who had been forced to suspend business. If you have not had cars state so explicitly and if requested tell how many you have had on the crop by months. Shippers who are afraid to report their trouble can not expect relief.

Shelbyville, Ind.—The movement of corn thruout Indiana since Jan. I has been very light, due largely to the price. On account of the mild weather it has not been in good condition to ship. Many complaints of poor condition on arrival at terminals; also long delays on the road. The embargo at Baltimore has been raised by the Pennsylvania Road, but all shipments for that point received only "subject to delay", which is written across B-L as an attempt to relieve the railroad from all responsibilty.—L. D.

IOWA.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Douglas & Co. have made large additions to their starch works

Melvin, Ia.—A. Wachtel, mgr. for the Davenport Eltr. Co., was disabled recently while moving a car.

Kanawha, Ia.—The Farmers Eltr. Co. has purchased a site near the Gowdy Eltr. and will build an eltr.

Bancroft, Ia.—The Albertson Grain Co., of Montgomery, has purchased the eltr. of the Plymouth Eltr. Co., of Sioux Falls, S. D.

Albert City, Ia.—The Albert City Grain & Supply Co. has been organized by the farmers of the vicinity with \$5,000 capital.

Varina, Ia.—The eltr. and warehouse of the DeWolf & Wells Co., of Spencer, burned Jan. 16. Loss, \$6,000; fully insured.

Clinton, Ia.—A bucket-shop of Hammond, Ind., has succeeded the Cella Commission Co. bucket-shop of St. Louis at this place.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—The H-O Co., of Buffalo, is organizing a \$500,000 company to build and operate an oatmeal and cereal

Vail, Ia.—The Vail Mill & Eltr. Co. has purchased the eltr. and grain business of the Northern Grain Co. Possession was given Ian. I.

Lenox, Ia.—Feeders are taking all the grain this season, because of scarcity of crop and the large increase in live stock.—John R. Giles.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—E. J. Wood, of Iowa Falls, has purchased a fourth interest in the Jackson Grain Co. and will remove to Cedar Rapids in March to begin his duties with the company.

Mason City, Ia.—The Loomis-Johnson-Lee Co., of Minneapolis, has opened an office in the Century Block under the management of C. A. Lee and will transact much of its business from this point.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—The case of Schillinger Bros. of Chicago vs. the Bosch Consumers Barley & Malt Co., is progressing before Judge Preston. The concrete malt house stands unfinished as it was last August.

Denver, Ia.—The eltr. of Nichols & Fairbanks burned Jan. 8 with 1,500 bus. of oats and corn, owned by Lawrence Reidesel. Loss on grain, \$500; fully covered by insurance. Loss on eltr., \$2,000. It is that the eltr. will rebuilt immediately.

Davenport, Ia.—The Davenport Grain Exchange was organized Jan. 13 and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. F. Dow, pres.; A. J. Pitkin, vice-pres.; H. J. Hall, secy.; W. J. Martin, treas. Directors; J. F. Dow, A. J. Pitkin, M. Rothschild, Ernest Zoller and Hugo Stolley.

Des Moines, Ia.—Arrangements have been about completed for the running of a seed corn train over a portion of the G. W. Ry. by Geo. A. Wells, secy of the Iowa Grain Dealers Ass'n. The first tour will commence Feb. 15 at Des Moines and it is probable that Prof. P. G. Holden, of Ames, will deliver the lectures.

New Liberty, Ia.—John Dammann & Co., of Dixon, have purchased for \$2,250 the 10,000-bu. eltr. until recently owned and operated by E. F. Jockheck, Jr., who traded it recently for South Dakota land. Mr. Jockheck will retire from the grain business and remove in the spring to his farm, which is near Aberdeen. B. Regenwetter is mgr. for the new owners.

KANSAS.

Hollenberg, Kan.—B. T. Beckel is building an eltr.

Eldorado, Kan.—L. H. Powell has succeeded A. J. Leash.

Woodbine, Kan.—C. H. Koepke has succeeded Smith Bros.

Bern, Kan.—Perry Frazier has succeeded J. D. Infield.

Muscotah, Kan.—Calvert & Bevin have succeeded A. H. Calvert.

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Washington, Kan.—F. H. Haerman &

Co. have succeeded R. H. Braden.
Powattan, Kan.—The J. H. Kinnear
Grain Co. has succeeded J. N. Borden.

Olivet, Kan.—Will Walton, of Osage City, is contemplating building an eltr.

Pomona, Kan.—E. G. Swayzee is having a 10,000-bu. eltr. built by Otto Lehrack & Co.

Annelly, Kan.—The White Water Mill & Eltr. Co., of Whitewater, has succeeded I. E. Brode.

Linn, Kan.—The Farmers Grain & Lumber Co. has been incorporated with \$10,000 capital stock.

Wichita, Kan.—The Wichita Seed & Grain Co. has been incorporated and has succeeded J. W. Binding & Co.

Bushton, Kan.—The Bushton Grain & Supply Co. has been incorporated with \$12,000 capital stock. The company has succeeded S. C. Robbins.

Kansas City, Kan.—The Ismert-Hincke Milling Co. is building a cribbed eltr. to be operated in connection with its mill.

Altamont, Kan.—John H. Rust will build a 40,000-bu. eltr. to replace the house burned in Dec. It will be of steel storage construction.

Smith Center, Kan.—The 50,000-bu. eltr. of the Smith Center Milling & Eltr. Co., is nearing completion. The work is being done by Otto Lehrack & Co.

Clay Center, Kan.—The 30,000-bu. eltr. for F. L. Williamson & Co. has been completed. The house is of cribbed construction with foundation of reinforced cement.

Marysville, Kan.—The machinery is being installed in the eltr. being built for Perry Hutchinson. Four of the large cement bins have been completed and the plant will soon be ready to handle grain.

Pittsburg, Kan.—The eltr. of the Sanford-Robinson Lumber Co. was entered by thieves some time between the evening of Jan. 13 and Jan. 15 and a quantity of electric light fixtures and brass were taken. The work is supposed to have been done by hove

Kansas City, Kan.—Judge Pollock of the federal court has declined to grant a temporary injunction to restrain the Kansas state inspection department from weighing grain and collecting fees. The court wishes to have a full presentation of evidence, and until the final hearing the department will continue collecting fees.

Pawnee Rock, Kan.—J. W. Belt of this place has filed complaint with the state railroad commission at Topeka that neither he nor any other dealer in his town is able to get cars for shipment of grain. Even when part of the freight charge is tendered in advance as required by the demurrage law the road refuses to supply cars.

McPherson, Kan.—The Kansas Grain Co. was not involved in the suit brot by a farmer for personal injuries in the eleva tor at Conway, as stated in this column Jan. 10. When the evidence for the plaintiff had been presented the judge threw the case against the company out of court. As far as plaintiff and Mr. Hawthorne, who owned the eltr., were concerned the trial resulted in a hung jury.

Junction City, Kan.—At the annual meeting of the Northwestern Kansas Millers Club held here Jan. 17 and 18 one of the most agreeable entertainers was William Murphy of the Murphy Grain Co., Kansas City, with one of his Swede dialect stories. F. L. Williamson of Clay Center was elected pres. The banquet was largely attended by the ladies, to each of whom was given a souvenir spoon.

Wichita, Kan.—John P. Furlong, a former prominent grain dealer, died Jan. 10 aged 80, after an illness of 4 months. Mr. Furlong was at the time of his death grain buyer for the Imboden Milling Co. He had been connected with the grain trade of Wichita since 1876, when he came to Wichita from Chicago, and he was the builder of the Wichita Eltr. Mr. Furlong had at different times been connected with practically every eltr, and mill in Wichita.

Wichita, Kan.—At the mass meeting of Kansas shippers Jan. 10 the following resolution was adopted: It is the sense of this convention that congress should confer on the interstate commerce commission, upon their motion or upon complaint, power and authority to alter, change or amend any rate, rule, regulation, schedule or classification, established by any railroad company, found to be unjust, unreasonable or as discriminative, the same to be effective within a reasonable time, subject to review of the supreme court; and that the president of the United States be authorized to appoint an assistant attorney general whose duty it shall be to make and prosecute complaints before the interstate commerce commission.

The new Kansas law compelling the railroads within the state to furnish cars within a specified time after a one-third of the freight charges have been deposited for each car with the local agent of the railroad was put into operation by a Kansas grain dealer recently. A deposit was made with the local agent of the Santa Fe and three cars ordered, but the railroad officials, after being informed by the agent that the dealer had made a deposit for the delivery of three cars wired the agent not to furnish that dealer with any more cars, unless he would promise not to make a deposit in future for the delivery of cars. The grain dealer stood his ground, however, and upon being threatened with suit for loss occasioned by failure to furnish the

needed transportation facilities the railroad officials yielded and now this particular dealer gets a car promptly whenever he requests it. Hurrah, for the shipper with backbone.

Wichita, Kan.—A. N. Bontz has brot suit against the M. P. Ry. to recover \$358.58, which he claims is due him for damages caused by the railroad failing to deliver to different Kansas City firms grain shipped by him while he was doing business at Norwich, Kan. He alleges that the railroad did not have track scales as provided by law and that the company agreed to deliver a certain amount of grain to the Grier Grain Co. and the Lucas & Carkener Co. at Kansas City, and that the grain was partly delivered and he received a certain amount for it, losing on the 3 shipments, thru shortage, the sum of \$358.58. The question of whether a railroad company is responsible for leaky cars will probably be decided in this case and it will also test the law that a company must accept the sworn figures as to the amount of grain placed in a car at a station where grain, hay and feed shipments amount to more than 100 cars per year and where the railroad company does not provide a track scale for the shippers and their agents.

KANSAS LETTER.

Wichita.—Henry Lassen will soon begin work on the erection of a large mill and eltr.

Wichita, Kan.—The rate convention which met here, called by the commercial interests of the State, proved to be a big success, there being an attendance of over one thousand.

The Farmers Independent Grain Dealers Ass'n of Kansas, met Jan. 9. Mr. Kohnk is the leading member of the organization. They have the matter up with the Kansas Railroad Commissioners for a reduction in freight rates.

The following have recently become members of the Kansas Grain Dealers Ass'n. A. R. Strowig, Paxico; W. M. Johnson, Bookwalter, Neb.; Edwards & Co., Jewell City; Hays & Bedard, Damar; W. F. Williams, Niotaze; Hargis & Hargis, Hazelton.

The movement of corn has been very light since the advance in freight rates Jan. 1. The farmers are not inclined to sell their corn at the prevailing prices. Feeders in some places are paying 5 to 10c per bu. over what the corn is worth for shipping. An exceptionally large amount of corn will be used for feeding this year.

Wichita, Kan.—W. H. Burke, of Alva, Okla., was convicted here Jan. 20, on forging 2 bills of lading on the Santa Fe Railroad Co. It was set out in the Bs-L that a fictitious name of Alva, Okla., Pace & Co., had shipped 2 carloads of wheat to the Benton Grain Co., of Kansas City, Mo. Burke took the Bs-L to the Commercial Bank of Alva, and drew a sight draft for \$1,250 on the Grain Co. The Bank was instructed to collect the draft. Before the collection was made investigation followed, and Burke was arrested.—M S.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Ky.—Adolph Brandeis, senior member of the firm of A. Brandeis & Son, died Jan. 21, after a long illness, aged 84 years. Mr. Brandeis came to America in 1848 and engaged in the grain business at Louisville in 1852. The pres-

ent firm was formed in 1878. He is survived by a daughter and two sons, Alfred and Louis D. Brandeis.

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans, La.—It is said that three large grain companies will form a syndicate to lease Eltr. E of the Illinois Central.

New Orleans, La.—The following officers were elected at the annual election of the New Orleans Board of Trade, held Jan. 9: E. F. Kohnke, pres.; E. T. George, first vice-pres.; Chas. Dittmann, second vice-pres.; Albert Mackie, third vice-pres. Directors, to serve 2 years: S. Locke Breaux, E. Steinhardt, Alfred LeBlanc, A. G. Tebo, Wm. P. Ross, Henry Kahn, Lazare Levy, Gus. Lehmann, Jr., Frank A. Daniels, C. B. Fox, Hugh Mc-Closkey. Nevins Kirkpatrick, Jos. Kohn and P. A. Best.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Md.—Wm. H. Lake and Walter F. Macneal, the junior member of the new firm of J. M. Frisch & Co., have been elected members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Baltimore, Md.—An official of the Deptof Agri., in a recent letter to C. Bosley Littig, states that the increase of 3 1-3 bus. in the 1905 corn crop of Maryland is due largely to more attention on the part of the farmers, as a result of the "corn seed special" movement which was originated in Maryland last spring by Mr. Littig. This is said to be the opinion of the farmers also, whose average was 36.9 bus. per acre in 1905, compared with 33.4 bus. in 1904. Mr. Littig says: "I hope the train will be operated again this spring, and that it will go into all sections of the state. I believe it benefitted the crop and that there will be a better yield if it is continued."

MICHIGAN.

Lenox, Mich.—The Richmond Eltr. Co. has been incorporated with \$75,000 capital stock. The firm has been doing a general eltr. business since 1895.

Linden, Mich.—Fred Welch, of Fenton, has purchased the eltr. of A. H. Buck & Son and will take possession March 1. A. H. Buck, who retires from active business, has been connected with the grain trade of Linden for 35 years, 25 of which he has been in business for himself in the building which the firm now occupies. His son will remove to Shepard and engage in other business.

MINNEAPOLIS,

Memberships in the Chamber of Commerce are selling at \$4,550.

A movement is on foot to establish a market for flaxseed futures on the Chamber of Commerce.

Jos. S. Anderson, a former member of the Chamber of Commerce and grain commissioner for several terms, died at South Natick, Mass., Jan. 10, aged 70 years.

Frank Crane was arrested Jan. 19 for sweeping wheat cars in the local railroad yards, but was allowed to go free when he confessed that he had done it to keep himself and family from starving.

Jay Gould, at present connected with P. B. Mann Co., is contemplating the organizing of a grain company in connection with the terminal eltr. which he is going to build in the spring.—Minn.

The GRAIN JOURNAL

The second trial of E. O. Fellows, accused of forgery and embezzlement by F. H. Peavey & Co., begins to-day. The charge this time is grand larceny in the second degree, the company alleging that he appropriated \$2,400 belonging to the firm.

The Washburn-Crosby Co. will build a 700,000-bu. eltr. adjoining mill A. Plans for the plant have not been completed but a 500-h. p. engine will be installed in the work house and the belt and gallery arrangement will make it possible to distribute 10,000 bus. of wheat to the mills every hour. The plant will cost about \$300,000. It will be completely equipped with machinery for mixing and cleaning.

N. S. Amsden, superintendent of the Minneapolis & Northern Eltr. Co., died Jan. 13 from burns and inhaling smoke and heat in the West hotel fire of Jan. 10. Wm. G. Nicholls, of Nicholls & Taylor, was suffocated during the fire and was found dead in his room. Mr. Nicholls was also a member of the firm of McKindley & Nicholls, of Duluth, and was part owner and mgr. of the Great Eastern Eltr. Co., of Minneapolis. He was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Members of the Chamber of Commerce have subscribed several thousand dollars to the relief fund for the benefit of the family of Capt. John Berwin of the fire department, who lost his life in attempting a rescue at the fire.

MINNESOTA.

Sauk Rapids, Minn.—The Benton County Farmers Exchange will build an eltr. Wm. Hollenhurst is pres., Henry Blau, vice-pres., and John Beven, treas.

Milan, Minn.—The eltr. of the Bagley Eltr. Co. burned recently with 4,000 hus. of grain. The fire is suppose to have started around the exhaust pipe in the engine room.

Frazee, Minn.—I. J. Collins, a farmer, received a bronze medal from the jury of awards of the St. Louis exposition for his exhibit of improved white dent corn which was grown on his farm near Frazee.

St. Paul, Minn.—A maximum merchandise tariff was presented Jan. 16 to officials of Minnesota roads by the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, which asked the officials to show why it should not be adopted as a basis hereafter.

St. Peter, Minn.—The Plymouth Eltr. Co., of Sioux Falls, S. D., will move its cleaning eltr. to the side track in the spring. This change is made necessary by the changing of the tracks of the C. S. P. M. & O. Ry. Considerable new machinery will be added to the plant.

The "good seed special" over the Omaha Road started from Minneapolis Jan. 22 and will complete its trip on that road Jan. 26 at St. James. J. J. Quinn, secy. of the Tri-State Grain Dealers Ass'n, is making the trip with this party, which is in charge of E. B. Ober, assistant freight agt. of the Omaha. On Jan. 29 the train will leave Minneapolis again over the Milwaukee Road, returning to Minneapolis Feb. 8.

Duluth, Minn.—The following officers were elected at the annual election of the Duluth Board of Trade, held Jan. 16: Geo. Spencer, of Spencer, Moore & Co., pres., and Julius H. Barnes, of the Ames-Brooks Co., vice-pres. Directors for 3 years: A. W. Frick, D. T. Helm and M. L. Jenks. Members board of arbitration

for I year: G. G. Barnum, W. S. Moore and S. A. McPhail. Members board of appeals for I year: Thomas Gibson, F. E. Lindahl and W. J. McCable. Members of committee of inspection for I year: J. F. McCarthy, J. T. Hickman, A. M. Prime, C. F. Haley and John T. Pugh.

Duluth, Minn.—The last flax market in this country has been built, there never will be another and even that one will begin to decline from this year on. If the option market at Duluth is of any advantage to Minneapolis crushers, Minneapolis eltrs, to the Dickinson Co. or to the American Co., we desire to say to them in all fairness, nurse it carefully. The trading in futures is small enough now and a division of it would kill the whole thing that much quicker, it will go anyway, go with the going of the flax growing, and the zenith of the flax area was reached three years ago.—Commercial Record.

MISSOURI.

St. Joseph, Mo.—The local office of the Hinds & Lint Grain Co. has been closed. Kansas City, Mo.—The Kelley Milling Co. is building a 125,000-bu. addition to its eltr.

Kansas City, Mo.—S. P. Hinds has bot the interest of F. P. Lint in the Hinds & Lint Grain Co.

Chillicothe, Mo.—Jackson & Gumby have begun the erection of an eltr. to replace the house burned Nov. 5.

St. Louis, Mo.—The P. H. Meyer & Sons Hay & Grain Co. incorporated, \$3,-000 capital stock. Incorporators, Peter H., Edw. J. and Geo. F. Meyer.

Kansas City, Mo.—The C. M. & S. P. Ry. will put in a No. 6 Hess Drier and Cooler at the Coburg Eltr., which is operated by the Simonds-Shields Grain Co.

St. Louis, Mo.—The Paule Grain & Milling Co. incorporated, \$40,000 capital stock, to do a general feed business. Incorporators, Arthur B. Paule, Chas. A. Schmide and Edwin J. Paule.

St. Louis, Mo.—Wm. Grossmuck, one of the oldest members of the Merchants Exchange, died recently of cancer. Mr. Grossmuck was connected with the National Commission Co. and mgr. of the Wabash Eltr.

Kansas City, Mo.—The Hall-Baker Grain Co. in 10 hours on Jan. 8 unloaded 135 cars of wheat and corn and loaded out 142 cars of corn at the Kansas-Missout Eltr. The corn which was loaded out was for export and made 7 special trains.

Kansas City, Mo.—The owners of the Exchange building will improve the building and the Kansas City Board of Trade has renewed its lease for 5 years beginning July next. The Board of Trade is also permitted to decide who shall be tenants of the building.

Kansas City, Mo.—At the annual election of officers of the Board of Trade the following were chosen for the ensuing year: J. O. Bradenbaugh, pres.; T. J. Brodnax, first vice-pres.; J. F. Parker, second vice-pres. E. D. Bigelow was reappointed secy. and E. D. Fisher, treas.

St. Louis, Mo.—At the annual election of the Merchants Exchange Geo. H. Morgan was re-elected secy. and treas. for the forty-second time. The grain committee chosen is composed of T. B. Morton, chairman, B. H. Lang, John Dower, S. A. Whitehead, Samuel Plant, R. P. Annan and Chas J. Quesnel.

St. Joseph, Mo.—The Elwood Grain Co. incorporated, \$20,000 capital stock, to operate the Harroun Eltr. at Elwood, Kan Incorporators, Wm. Nash, of Chicago, W. H. Ferguson, of Lincoln, Neb., F. J. Delaney, Kansas City, Mo., E. J. Maxwell and John C. Kneer, of St. Joseph. The company expects to be ready for business about Feb. I.

Jasper, Mo.—The grain eltr. and flour mill of H. H. Beckwith burned Jan. 6 with a carload of chops, 3 carloads of flour and a small quantity of grain belonging to Putnam & Boran, of Carthage, who were operating the plant under lease. The fire was of incendiary origin as the plant had been closed a week for repairs and the fire started 50 feet from the only fire in the plant.

Kansas City, Mo.—The Board of Trade amended its anti-bucketshop rule Jan. 17 and gave the directors power to either suspend or expel members of the Exchange having business relation with bucket-shops. Before amendment the rule provided for expulsion only and the change was made to cover cases where a trade for a bucket-shop might be handled without knowing the origin of the order.

St. Louis, Mo.—At the request of Governor Deneen of Illinois, F. Einstman is making an investigation of complaints against irregular grading of wheat out of the East St. Louis eltrs. The grain committee of the Merchants Exchange has made an investigation of the stock of corn held in the Union Eltr. at the request of the J. H. Teasdale Commission Co. and will report to the directors. All of a lot of 28 cars of corn bot by the Teasdale Commission Co. of the Union Grain Co. were rejected by the private inspector as not up to the No. 2 standard, and the appeals committee of the Illinois Department rejected some of the corn. The principal objections to the corn are said to be dirt and moisture.

ST. LOUIS LETTER.

Grain houses in St. Louis are cutting commissions. This upsets trade. The ½ cent a bu, rate does not pay expenses and there is little profit for the commission merchant.

No one in St. Louis was involved in the failure of McReynolds & Co., of Chicago, altho they operate an eltr. in East St. Louis. The stock of grain of all kinds held in the East St. Louis eltr. is about 200,000 bus.

The Nanson Commission Co., whose pres., Capt. Joseph S. Nanson, died a short time ago, elected William H. Anderson to that position at the election of officers held a few days ago. George H. Hall, who has been seey., was elected vice-pres. and mgr., and Louis T. Hall was elected seey. and treas. Those gentlemen, with Samuel A. Whitehead, second vice-pres. were elected directors—W. H.

MONTANA.

Bozeman, Mont.—Clinton E. Lamme, a son of Edwin B. Lamme, general mgr. of the Bozeman Milling Co., lost his life Jan. 10 in the West hotel fire at Minneapolis.

Great Falls, Mont.—A company has been organized to build and operate a malting plant here. The rye grown in the vicinity of Great Falls has been tested and found to be of excellent quality.

Manhattan, Mont.—The Manhattan

Malting Co. contemplates building in the spring a 100,000-bu. eltr. to handle all kinds of wheat. This house will increase the grain capacity of the company to 400,000 bus.

NEBRASKA.

Farnam, Neb.-G. D. Faulkes is building a 15,000-bu. eltr.

Beemer, Neb.—The 4,000-bu. eltr. for Albright & Baker has been completed.

Omaha, Neb.—It is rumored that John I. Glover, of Kansas City. will build an eltr.

Chalco, Neb.—Wm. Von Dohren, of Millard, has purchased for \$5,000 the eltr. of H. Blumer.

Orchard, Neb.—The Blenkiron Grain Co., of Sioux City, Ia., will build a large eltr. in the early spring.

Oakland, Neb.—Emil Nelson, of Wakefield, has succeeded E. A. Palmquist as agt. for the Peavey Eltr. Co.

Wahoo, Neb.—The Ewart-Wilkinson Grain Co. held a corn contest at its office Dec. 30. Cash prizes were given.

Johnson, Neb.—The Duff Grain Co. has completed improvements in its eltr. and has installed a new gasoline engine.

Columbus, Neb.—The Nebraska-Iowa Grain Co. has let the contract for the crection of a 30,000-bu. eltr. at Winslow Spur.

Irvington, Neb.—T. B. Rood is building an eltr. and will install Howe Scales and eltr. machinery and supplies purchased from the York Foundry & Engine Works,

Lushton, Neb.—W. H. Ferguson has let the contract for the erection of a 15,000bu. eltr. to replace the one burned recently. Gasoline power will be installed.

Lincoln, Neb.—Voters of Clay County in a mass meeting called upon Senator Millard to take a stand publicly with Pres. Roosevelt on rate regulation or resign.

Winnetoon, Neb.—The eltr. being built for the Updike Grain Co. will be equipped with Howe Scales and eltr. machinery purchased from the York Foundry & Engine Works.

Omaha, Neb.—John A. Kuhn, recently resigned from the Northwestern Ry. after many years of service, has accepted the position as traffic mgr. of the Updike Grain Co.

Roca, Neb.—The U. G. Powell Co. incorporated, \$10,000 capital stock, to deal in grain, grain products and cattle. Incorporators, U. G. Powell, H. D. Beam and H. B. Smith.

Yutan, Neb.—The machinery for the eltr. of the O. F. Peters Grain Co. at Leshara is being furnished by the York Foundry & Engine Works. The house will soon be opened for business.

Benton, Neb.—The eltr. for the Wells-Hord Grain Co. has been about completed. It is being equipped with Howe Scales. Cleaner and other machinery supplied by the York Foundry & Engine Works.

Leigh, Neb.—The Walrath & Sherwood Lumber Co. has purchased the 20,000-bu. eltr. of the J. H. Hamilton Grain Co., of Omaha. Jos. Bayer, the mgr. of the house for some time, will continue with the new owners.

Holbrook, Neb.—D. J. Jennings, an employe in the eltr. of Rankin Bros., had his arm broken Jan. 11, while placing a belt on a large pulley. His hand got caught between the belt and the pulley and he was thrown against the wall which was about 6 feet away.

Manley, Neb.—The Farmers Eltr. Co. is building a 20,000-bu. eltr. A 10-h. p. Howe Gasoline Engine, feed mill and cleaner, with other machinery, are being installed by the York Foundry & Engine Works.

Plattsmouth, Neb.—Several Burlington freight cars were derailed Jan. 4 and plunged into the eltr. of the Duff Grain Co. Part of the stone foundation was knocked away and the woodwork smashed.

Orchard, Neb.—J. T. Fletcher, one of the oldest agts. of the Atlas Eltr. Co. on the O'Neill branch of the G. N. Ry., has resigned his position and has engaged in other business. He is succeeded by A. D. Joyce.

Fremont, Neb.—The Westbrook-Gibbons Grain Co. will close and remove its eltr. and transfer its agt. The closing of F street and the building of the G. N. Line left the eltr. between 2 railroads, with the McCaull-Webster Eltr. a strong competitor.

Omaha, Neb.—The grain commission firm of Sunderland & Updike was dissolved Jan. 15 and the business is being continued by the senior partner, W. C. Sunderland, under his own name. Nels B. Updike has retired to devote his entire time to the Updike Grain Co.

Elgin, Neb.—The Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co. intends building an eltr. The firm sold its eltr. here to the Elgin Eltr. Co., but made no promise to remain out of business and informed the purchasers that it retained the right to build at any time. It then secured a promise from the railroad of the choice of site in case another eltr. was to be built. It is understood that the company had no intention of building here at present until it learned that C. H. Torpin, of Oakdale, would put in an eltr. Work will be begun as soon as the exact locality is decided upon and Henry Benner, the former mgr. for the company, will have charge of the new house when completed.

OMAHA LETTER

The old eltr. at Glenwood is being torn down.

Colon, Neb.—The Torpin Grain Co., of Oakdale, has purchased the eltr. of the J. H. Hamilton Grain Co.

The cash grain situation is rather quiet, but the market is firm. The demand is not heavy, but is steady, and prices are well maintained.

Newman Grove, Neb.—At the annual meeting of the Farmers' Eltr. Co. a slight loss was shown by the report. The eltr. will continue to run this year.

Byron, Neb.—The Farmers Eltr. Co. has elected Henry Kuhlmann, pres.; K. P. Herald, secy. and William Gruber, treas. There are 112 farmers interested in this company.

Omaha, Neb.—The eltr. of the Crowell Grain & Lumber Co. will be opened for business about Feb. 1. It is equipped throughout with electric power.

Beaver City is to have a new eltr., to be built by G. E. Hotchkin, of the Beaver City Mills, in order to aid his milling business by giving him facilities for getting the best grain,

Fullerton, Neb.—The Farmers Elevator Co, held its annual meeting Jan. 2. The report of the secy, showed that 199,-

600 bus. of grain was handled during the year 1905, at a profit of \$1,200.

Omaha, Neb.—Pres. G. W. Wattles, of the Independent Eltr. Co., denies the many rumors which have been current of late that the company's 1,000,000-bu. eltr. here will be sold to outside interests.

Hildreth, Neb.—The Farmers Grain & Supply Co. has elected the following officers: J. R. Seckman, pres.; J. R. Harden, secy., and A. W. Anderson, treas. O. D. Williams has been appointed mgr. The company bought 383,000 bus. of grain in 1905.

Minden, Neb.—The Farmers Grain & Supply Co. at the annual meeting elected J. S. Canady, pres.; J. G. Goings, vice-pres.; E. B. Trough, secy., and A. G. Bloomfield, treas. The net profits were found to be not very large, but sufficient to warrant the continuance of the business.

The Wabash Ry. has advised the Omaha Grain Exchange of an export corn tariff on car lots, minimum weight marked capacity of car, from Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs, when from beyond these points, of 23 cents to New York and 22 cents to Philadelphia. The rate will materially assist the Omaha market.

Omaha market.

The Omaha grain rate situation is now in much better shape than 2 weeks ago. The Milwaukee has withdrawn its discriminatory rate in favor of Kansas City, which gave the latter market an advantage of 3 cents over Omaha, and grain men are satisfied, excepting as to the result of the rate while it lasted. Omaha has, they declare, lost her position as second primary corn market in consequence of the cut.

Lincoln, Neb.—The meeting of the Nebraska Co-operative Grain & Live Stock Ass'n was held at Lincoln Jan. 17 and 18. Pres. J. S. Canady, of Minden, presided. The papers presented follow: "Grading of Grain in Local and Terminal Markets." C. Vincent, Omaha; "Our State Ass'ns and What Has Been Accomplished," Secy. James T. Brady, Albion; "The Omaha Grain Exchange," G. W. Wattles, Omaha, pres. Grain Exchange; "Evils Affecting Farmers Cooperative Shipping Ass'ns," T. A. Anderson, Kansas City; "The Way the Grain Business Is Conducted," Tom Worrall, Omaha; "The Evil and Its Remedy," J. W. Cattern, Fremont; "Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America and the Co-operative Grain Business," James Butler, Topeka, Kan.; "Free Co-operation vs. False Co-operation," F. Engelhard, pres. Farmers' Cooperative Shipping Ass'n, Kansas City; "Legal Side of the Grain Business," F. S. Howell, Omaha. Some little interest was occasioned by the appearance of Tom Worrall, who related his experiences and difficulties in handling independent grain. A further sensation was occasioned by the report of the committee on resolutions, which demanded that the attorney general investigate the lumber and coal men of the state, whom the resolutions declared are operating under a trust agreement. Other resolutions commended the president for his fight for railroad rate legislation, favored a railroad commission and a state inspection and weighing of grain.—C. D.

NEW ENGLAND.

Portland, Me.—John H. Tree, a prominent grain merchant, fell dead Jan. 5

in Richmond while running to catch a train. He was 65 years of age and was True, but recently had been in business with his son, Sidney True.

NEW YORK.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Judge Hazel on Jan. 13 issued an injunction restraining the Consolidated Stock Exchange of Buffalo from inventing or counterfeiting the quotations of the Chicago Board of Trade.

New York, N. Y.—Chas. B. Ulrichs has succeeded Herman Stutzer & Co., one of the oldest grain brokerage houses in this city. Mr. Stutzer has been out of the market for about 2 years owing to ill health. Mr. Ulrichs was with the old firm for many years. firm for many years.

firm for many years.

Jamestown, N. Y.—The firm of Ames, Burns & Co. has been organized to do a jobbing business in grain and feed. The new firm is composed of F. M. Trautman, a local grain dealer, M. C. Burns, who formerly represented Chapin & Co., and H. L. Ames, of the Falconer Milling Co., of Falconer.

New York, N. Y.—Horace Cook, a member of the Boston Chamber of Commerce for 20 years, has opened an office at 341 Produce Exchange building and has been elected a member of the Produce Exchange. Mr. Cook will retain charge of the Boston office and place a representative in charge of the new office.

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Buffalo, N. Y.—A final meeting of the creditors of Heathfield & Washburn, the former grain firm, was held Jan. 10. The attorney for the trustee reported \$2,020 on hand and Referee Hotchkiss ordered that after the expenses of the administration of the estate had been paid that the remainder of the money be distributed among the creditors, the total claim of which is \$21,514, making a dividend of about 10 per cent. A first dividend of 5 per cent has been paid.

BUFFALO LETTER.

The holders of spring wheat here are still in the faith that it is going to be needed before the spring fleet is here and are asking very stiff prices for it.

Canal tonnage is actually in some demand by grain shippers, tho the rule is to wait till March or April. Some oats have been offered, but no charters are reported.

Canal boatmen promise an increase of a dozen boats to the grain fleet next season. Boat builders are very hopeful, though it is not going to be safe to put out much of a fleet now.

Grain receipts reported here for inspection have run remarkably heavy of late, averaging 150 cars a day, most of it corn, with very little wheat. It is coming in very good condition.

Grain men are of the opinion that the state millers are getting the best of this very low state of the flour trade. With No. 1 northern spring 93 cents here and winter wheat about the same the quotations of state wheat are not above 83 cents at country stations.

The winter cargoes of wheat in the harbor are already melting away, some being unloaded and others at eltr. This means a steady demand for grain east. Some winters the business is so dull that shippers hold their cargoes up to the limit April to before taking them. the limit, April 15, before taking them

The American Malting Co. was expected to suspend work on the big malting plant in the harbor till spring when the foundations were finished, but the weather was too open to be wasted and a force of more than 400 men is engaged in putting up the walls. The plant is to be in operation late next fall.

The Vandalia Railroad now announces that it is prepared to enter on the plan of reconsigning grain at Buffalo, so long followed by most of the roads in this route. The plan is to bill grain to Buffalo and if it is sold to a point further on to allow the local bill to be taken up and a through bill to destination to be

The financial report of the Chamber of The financial report of the Chamber of Commerce shows an annual income of \$43,748.23 and an expenditure of \$44,-698.20, of which \$3,000 was towards the extinguishment of the debt. One large source of income is the inspection and weighing department, which earned over \$3,000 more than it cost, the annual dues also footing up \$11,724. The body is in excellent financial condition.

A consignment of barley from the Northern Grain Co., Chicago, to Nester, of Geneva, N. Y., is to be made the cause of a lawsuit. It was to go into the Electric Eltr. for winter storage to the amount of 100,000 bus., but after something over 11,000 had been received the consignee became afraid that the eltr. would not unload the rest from a vessel that was to take out a coal cargo before insurance ran out and put the grain in the Marine Eltr. The Electric Eltr. demands full storage of \$2,000 and holds the grain received to meet the

charge.

The annual election of the Chamber of Commerce took place Jan. 10, with the usual large gathering. Lunch of the most bountiful sort was served at noon and the vote, 537, exceeded last year. W. H. Gratwick, one of Buffalo's millionaire lumberman, was elected pres. and J. H. Lascelles, of the Marine bank, was re-elected treas. without opposition. This narrowed the contest down to the remaining trustees. W. H. Andrews was chosen vice-pres. and P. G. Cook, C. C. McCain, J. F. Sweeney and George Urban, trustees. Mr. Andrews is a manufacturer, Mr. Sweeney, a department store pres., Mr. Cook is sec. of the eltrass'n, Mr. McCain is commissioner of the lake package freight lines and Mr. Urban is a member of the George Urban Urban is a member of the George Urban Milling Co. There is much regret that H. C. Harrison, the only regular grain dealer on the ticket, was not elected, but he declined to work for his election, which a few more votes would have assured .-

NORTH DAKOTA.

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Coalharbor, N. D.—O. W. Bowers is building an eltr.

Ray, N. D.-The eltr. for John D. Taylor has been about completed.

Granville, N. D.-H. K. Smith has succeeded Lyman & Smith, Mr. Lyman having retired.

Stanley, N. D.—The St. Anthony & Dakota Eltr. Co. has bot the eltr. of the Imperial Eltr. Co.

Underwood, N. D.—The firm of Gackle & Grosz has been dissolved and Mr. Grosz will continue the business.



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Grain Dealers Company, 255 La Salle St. CHICAGO, ILL. Washburn, N. D.—C. G. Ireys expects to close his eltr. here in the near future. It is said there is not enough grain coming in to pay expenses.

Hannaford, N. D.—The 40,000-bu. eltr. of the Farmers Eltr. Co. burned Jan. 15, with about 20,000 bus. of flax, wheat, oats and barley. This building was purchased last Aug. from W. S. Hyde.

Lankin, N. D.—The Farmers Eltr. Co. has been organized and expects to build an eltr. next season. Ed. Wambem is pres., John Liddle, vice-pres., Wm. McLaughlin, secy., and John Trovatten, treas.

Langdon, N. D.—The eltr. of the Northwestern Eltr. Co. burned recently, with 35,000 bus. of wheat, barley, oats and flax. Loss about \$30,000, probably covered by insurance. It is thot that the plant will be rebuilt. Malcolm Morrison is mgr. for the company.

Knox, N. D.—J. A. Minckler, a local grain dealer and former operator on the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, is the subject of involuntary bankruptcy proceedings brot by Geo. F. Porter, a Minneapolis attorney. The John Miller Co. appears in defense of Minckler, who it claims owes the company \$19,000 and denies that Minckler has committed any acts of bankruptcy.

Fargo, N. D.—At the convention of the Tri-State Grain Growers Ass'n, held here Jan. 16-19, resolutions were adopted protesting against the action of the exchanges in refusing to admit representatives of the Dakotas and Minnesota to membership. The grain inspection bill of Senator McCumber was indorsed and the representatives in Congress will be asked to give it their support. The denaturalized alcohol bill of Congressman Marshall was given the approval of the convention and its support was urged.

Washburn, N. D.—If the N. P. Ry. builds an extension north from New Salem next summer the Washburn eltrs. will not have anything to do during the winter as all the grain handled during that time comes across the Missouri river. Washburn will probably lose 1-3 of its former trade on account of the N. P. extension from Denhoff west. If parties have too much money they can get rid of it by building eltrs, out here. Eltr. building is being overdone in this part of the country and parties looking for fortunes in a short time, will be disappointed.—Paul S. Meyer, mgr. Washburn Grain & Feed Co.

OHIO.

Gettysburg, O.—Myers & Myers will build an eltr.

Cleveland, O.—P. R. Fahey & Co., grain and stock brokers, have suspended business.

Columbus, O.—Creditors of Tingley Bros. will soon meet to select a permanent receiver.

Wapakoneta, O.—Eugene A. Hauss, a lawyer, has resigned as city solicitor, and has entered the grain firm of Hauss & Bitler.

Enon, O.—The eltr. of Brooks & Dunkel was damaged recently by fire. Geo. A. Collier, the firm's only competitor, assisted in putting out the fire.

Columbus, O.—A reorganization of the state railroad department is contemplated,

with an increase in the number of commissioners from one to three.

· Cincinnati, O.—The Chamber of Commerce has issued an 8-page pamphlet giving the rules governing the new weighing bureau which was established Jan. 9.

Gomer, O.—Ira Evans, an employe of Watkins & Co., lost all the fingers on one hand recently by getting his hand caught between the rollers of a feed mill.

Sunbury, O.—The eltr. of W. O. Buckingham & Sons burned recently. Loss about \$15,000, with small insurance. The fire was caused by a defective flue in the office.

Toledo, O.—The Hygienic Cereal Co. incorporated, \$75,000 capital stock. Incorporators, H. S. Toynbee, J. M. DeMott, G. R. Spinney, Thos. Singleton and C. E. Toynbee.

Broughton, O.—John Wickenhiser & Co.'s eltr. was burned on the night of Jan. 3 as the result of the burning of an adjoining building. Loss \$8,000; insurance \$8,200.

Xenia, O.—The Dewey Bros. Co. purchased a carriage factory and turned it into an elevator of 20,000 bus. storage capacity. The Philip Smith Co. did the work and supplied the machinery.

Toledo, O.—E. H. Culver has been reappointed chief grain inspector of the Produce Exchange, with Daniel Blankenmeier as assistant. H. W. Applegate was re-appointed assistant secy. The inspection committee remains the same.

Waldo, O.—The Waldo Hay & Eltr. Co. incorporated, \$6,000 capital stock. Incorporators, H. W. Wolfley, Morris and J. W. Humphrey, A. F. Donnenworth and C. E. Morris. The firm has purchased the eltr. of S. E. DeWolfe, of Marion, and took possession Jan. 15.

Toledo, O.—The Toledo Eltr. Co. and the Miami Maize Co. held their annual stockholders meeting Jan. 9 and the annual dividend of 6 per cent was declared. The following officers were re-elected: J. H. Bowman, pres.; C. R. Bowman, vice-pres.; F. E. Bullard, seey. and treas. Directors; J. H. and C. R. Bowman, F. E. Bullard, Andrew Schurtz and John A. King.

Shippers to Cincinnati are entitled to and shud demand official weights in all cases, as the railroad companies will refuse to recognize private weights, on stuff unloaded in Cincinnati, in the adjustment of shortage and overcharge claims. The fees are 50c per car on grain and \$1 per car on hay. The official certificates are signed by Wm. McCallister.

Cincinnati, O.—The application by the Chicago Board of Trade for a receiver for the Odell bucket-shop has been dropped since the concern's attorney on Jan. 9 deposited \$1,115 for the costs. Bucket-shop assets are hard to find, and the Odell concern is no exception, part of its funds being deposited, it is said, in the name of Mrs. Odell, in the Merchants National Bank.

Cincinnati, O.—At the annual election of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: L. L. Sadler, pres.; J. B. Wallace, second vice-pres.; O. G. Fetter, treas.; H. B. McCullough, secy. Directors; Emil M. Mayer, Chas. Heidrich, Henry W. Brown, E. E. Williamson and R. C. Crowthers. The directors holding over are B. W. Gale, Edw. R. Buhrman,

Harry H. Hill, J. M. Sears, John Hoffman and Robert W. Wise, first vice-pres.

and Robert W. Wise, first vice-pres.

Toledo, O.—J. J. Coon, pres. of the East Side Iron Eltr. Co., had his left leg amputated at the Toledo hospital Jan. 15, blood poisoning having set in as the result of a blow from a mallet. Mr. Coon recently sold his half interest in the Royce & Coon Grain Co. to Frank and Wm. Lehmann, Geo. W. Fernside and F. E. Whitaker, of Bowling Green, but does not intend retiring from the grain trade as he intends to remain in active connection with the East Side Iron Eltr. Co. The property of the Royce & Coon Grain Co. includes a mill and eltr. at Bowling Green, eltrs. at Tontogany and Portage, and leases on eltrs. at Rudolph, Sugarridge, Hoytsville, Dunbridge and Custar.

Columbus, O.—The policyholders of the Chio Grain Dealers Mutual Fire Insurance Ass'n held their annual meeting Jan. 9. The officers elected for the ensuing year are H. S. Grimes, pres.; John H. Motz, vice pres.; J. W. McCord, secy., and Fred Vercoe, treas. Directors, the foregoing and Grant McMorran, C. P. Eauman, E. G. Craun, J. B. Seymour and C. F. Barnthouse. The Ass'n closed the year with a very satisfactory showing, having \$770,000 insurance in force, a gain for the year of \$70,000. Net cost of insurance for the year was 42 per cent of the stock company rate. Losses incurred and paid during the year were \$7,000. The Ass'n now covers with its policies practically every insurable country eltr. in Ohio.

OKLAHOMA

Verden, Okla.—The Home Grain Co. is building a 20,000-bu. eltr.

Ft. Cobb, Okla.—The Home Grain Co. is building a 20,000-bu. eltr.

Carnegie, Okla.—The Home Grain Co. is building a 20,000-bu. eltr.

Fairmont, Okla.—G. G. Black, of Covington, will build an eltr. on the Frisco in the spring.

Mountain View, Okla.—The 15,000-bu. eltr. for the Chickasha Milling Co. has been completed and is now in operation.

Mountain View, Okla.—Regular dealers at this station are troubled again with wild cat buyers. They come in and ruin the market for the legitimate dealer, pay more than the market price for grain and get it back in the weights from the farmer, and the farmer thinks he is getting a big price for his grain.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Coatesville, Pa.—Philip D. Handwork, grain merchant, dropped dead Jan. 3. He formerly operated a flour mill at Parkersburg.

Pittsburg, Pa.—F. P. Estes and E. G. Gunsolus, who compose the Lincoln Stock & Grain Co., have been placed under arrest on a charge brot by a customer, F. S. Patterson, who claims \$183.

PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

Corn rules firm under a good export demand. Local business is rather light.

Oats of choice quality sell well at full rates, but common stock, being rather plentiful, is dull.

The wheat market is keeping quiet and steady, with milling and export inquiry fair, but foreign bids frequently too low for satisfactory working. Hay of desirable grades is in moderate request, but the market is overstocked with common and ordinary kinds which are bringing about a depressed condition. Straw is in ample holdings and is rather dull.

The Keystone Eltr. contention, which was supposed to be dead and buried, has been resurrected and will form quite a vigorous issue in the Commercial Exchange election of pres. Like the ghost in Hamlet, it will not down.

Penrose A. McClain, director of the Commercial Exchange, who died at his residence of Bright's disease, was a typical Philadelphia business man and one of the best known members of the organization. A quarter of a century ago he was the official grain measurer of the city.

All Commercial Exchange nominations must be posted on the grain floor, and the list was opened on Saturday with a goodly number of candidates from pres. down to director, the election to follow at the close of the month. All indications point to a hot fight by the different factions. Secy. Logan is serene as old ocean during a summertide caln, as he is not compelled to go through this trying ordeal.—S. R. E.

PITTSBURG LETTER.

Mill feed prices are advanced slightly. Good demand has stimulated the market.

The change in rye since last report is from fairly steady to dull conditions. Consumption is quite limited, and no new contracts are being placed. Prices are fully a cent lower.

Altho not quite enough No. I timothy hay is arriving there is more than enough of other grades, and the average is liberal. No. 2 and lower are very hard to place. No. 2 clover is a veritable drug, which may also be said truthfully of all kinds except No. I timothy.

Quite a large quantity of consigned hay now coming forward is not of prime quality. Much of this is from shippers who draw for 80 per cent of value, less freight. Quite a few cars are on track, some of them on demurrage, on account of overdrafts made against them. Shippers who draw for full value will find their shipments unpopular at this time.

The hope of the oat situation is clearly with the future. Altho prices are so low here as to barely cover lay down cost yet the demand is exceedingly light, and a surplus is an immediate possibility unless some good wind blows an increase of consumption this way. Present arrivals are very hard to place. Low prices for corn are affecting the oat market unfavorably.

When last reporting the straw market it was possible to say with the backing of truth that the situation was weak. This was followed during the next week by a condition of activity which made all receipts move off rapidly, with quoted prices actually ruling. The result of the activity was the increase of shipments which have not been good for the state of afairs, and there is now a renewal of the former quiet conditions. All kinds of straw are now dull, and caution in buying is the counsel given to local dealers, as there seems to be plenty of straw.

Ear corn, as has been said, is really the strongest cereal in the local market, and up until within the last few days it has had no trouble to hold this position, without fear of losing its hold. Recent

events, however, give rise to a possible doubt as to the maintenance of the strength indefinitely, for arrivals are more liberal, and the salvation of the situation is with the shipper, who must cut down supplies if reaction in prices is to be avoided. Shelled corn, on the other hand, is growing stronger every day and a larger proportion is grading No. 3 than heretofore. This, of course, is encouraging. While quotations are allowed to remain nominally unchanged there is no doubt as to the increased strength of the market, demand being much more active than at any former time this year.—C. H.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Fairview, S. D.—The Fairview Milling Co. will build an eltr.

Elkton, S. D.—The eltr. for the Sleepy Eye Milling Co. at Grant Siding has been completed.

Menno, S. D.—The eltr. for Chris Mettler has been completed and he has installed the first cleaner in the vicinity.

Miller, S. D.—Geo. P. Sexauer, of Brookings, has purchased the eltr. of Corcoran Bros. and will use it for buying grain for his mill at Brookings.

Erwin, S. D.—The farmers of the vicinity are talking of organizing an eltr. company and building an eltr. if the railroad will put in a side track to the proposed site of the eltr.

Presho, S. D.—S. W. Whyte and Jas. W. Sanford have secured sites and will build the first eltrs. in Lyman county. The eltr. to be built by Mr. Whyte will have capacity for 30,000 bus. of grain and the house to be built by Mr. Sanford is expected to be as large if not larger. This territory is being opened up by the Milwaukee Road which is extending a branch to the Black Hills.

SOUTHEAST.

Birmingham, Ala.—Dixon & Co., grain brokers, have discontinued business.

Norfolk, Va.—The largest cargo of corn shipped from this port for 8 years left here Jan. 14 for Hamburg, in the Swedish steamship Drottning Sophia. The shipment amounted to 200,000 bus., and will, with another large shipment soon to leave, be rushed to Hamburg to avoid the increased German tariff duty which goes into effect March I.

Atlanta, Ga.—The grain dealers of Atlanta have organized the Atlanta Grain Dealers Ass'n and held their first meeting Jan. 23, followed by a banquet. The officers of the Ass'n are: A. P. Morgan, pres.; W. L. Fain, vice-pres.; A. C. Wooley, secy. and treas. The following grain dealers and brokers are members of the Ass'n; A. P. Morgan Grain Co., W. L. Fain, George W. Brooke, W. S. Duncan & Co., T. H. Brooke & Co., A. C. Wooley & Co., L. D. Hope & Co., Southern Flour and Grain Co., J. D. Frazier & Co., F. P. H. Akers, Atlanta Milling Co., F. B. Logan & Co., J. J. Russell & Son, Rogers & Harwell, H. H. Whitcomb & Co., W. R. & I. S. Shropshire, Joseph Gregg, Smith & Martin, W. R. & C. E. Johnston, Irwin Hazelhurst & Co., J. W. Stoffocher, C. D. Brown & Co., A. J. Kiser, H. H. McCall, J. H. Everett & Son. The following invited guests were also present; E. D. Davis, W. M. Tery, G. F. & A. Grocery Co., Estes Bros., W. W. Morgan, J. S. Sewell and Samuel Wilkins.



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TENNESSEE.

Memphis, Tenn.—J. J. Stephenson has been admitted to membership in the Merchants Exchange.

Martin, Tenn.—W. T. Lawler will rebuild his eltr. which burned Dec. 13 and expects to have it completed in time to handle the next wheat crop.

Hornbeak, Tenn.—The Hornbeak Milling Co. incorporated, \$10,000 capital stock, and will build a mill. Incorporators, W. L. Blakeley, M. A. Ashley, M. Wigdor, W. F. Kendall and W. P. Williams.

Memphis, Tenn.—The Memphis Grain & Hay Ass'n on Jan. 16 re-elected its old officers for the ensuing year. They are Chas. D. Jones, pres.; V. L. Rogers, vice-pres.; J. B. Edgar, secy. and treas.; Caruthers Ewing, general counsel.

Beans Creek, Tenn.—Have very little grain for sale here as there was a partial failure of wheat and corn in this section. All the surplus will be needed for local demand, as there is a great deal of teaming in this section in lumber.—J. C. Brudin

Bristol, Tenn.—W. R. Hamilton, senior member of the firm of Hamilton, Bacon & Hamilton, retired from the business as an active member at the annual meeting of the stockholders. John D. Hamilton was elected pres., A. J. Roller, vice-pres. and treas., and R. M. Kenney, secy.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Stewart & Alley, grain and feed merchants, were petitioned into involuntary bankruptcy Jan. 16, by Davenport Bros., Dan C. Wheeler and the Mountain City Mills, who have claims in excess of securities held. The liabilities are estimated at \$30,000, with assets of about \$20,000.

Memphis, Tenn.—The election of Jos. J. Wade of the firm of John Wade & Sons, wholesale grain and hay dealers, as second vice pres. of the Merchants Exchange is a unique distinction, the rules of the Exchange having only recently been changed so as to provide for the election of a second vice pres. Heretofore the Exchange has had but one vice

Clarksville, Tenn.—The mill, eltr., of-fice and a warehouse of the Dunlop Milling Co. burned Jan. 15 with 80,000 bus. of wheat, 5,000 barrels of flour and sacks valued at \$20,000. About 60,000 bus. of wheat were damaged. Loss, \$250,000; insurance, \$175,000. The fire started at 3 a. m. from a spark from a passing locomotive, it is supposed. Two grain tanks and a warehouse were all of the plant that were saved, and part of the grain in these was partly damaged. The plant will be rebuilt as soon as possible, with larger capacity, and the company expects to have the plant again in operation by

Memphis, Tenn.—E. R. Gardner, chief grain inspector and weighmaster of the Merchants Exchange, in his annual report states that 1,746 cars more of grain and hay were handled this year than last. The gross receipts of his office for the year have been \$0,427 and the expenses \$4,204, leaving \$5,222 net receipts. The receipts of grain were 9,504 and the shipments 3,144 cars. Secy. Nat S. Graves reports \$70,779 of assets and no liabilities. The finance committee congratulated members on the splendid financial condition of the exchange. At noon on the day of the election luncheon was served, the pleasure being enhanced by the music of a band.

Memphis, Tenn.—The Merchants Exchange, at its annual election Jan. 12 chose B. I. Busby pres., W. P. Battle, first vice pres., Jos. J. Wade, second vice pres., and James F. Hunter, treas; directors, George D. Burgess, A. L. Parker, Joseph E. Maury, W. V. Simmons, H. J. Parrish, M. Eugene Clark, T. J. Wellford, S. H. Stout, Joseph H. Houston and C. M. Drew. The first vote of the election was cast by a woman, Miss Leah Klein, who represents the J. Rosenbaum Grain Co., the company's former representative, Arthur R. Sawers, having removed to Chicago to engage in the grain business on his own account. After Miss Klein had voted and was ready to leave the hall a committee composed of H. B. Schloss and T. B. Andrews escorted her to the stand and Pres. Johnson presented her with a beautiful diamond ring in the presence of about 150 members of the exchange, with appropriate remarks on the honor of having a lady on the floor as the legal representative of a firm.

Tenn.-A stand for honest full weight has been taken by the Memphis Grain & Hay Ass'n, and its members request buyers of grain and hay to report to Secy. J. B. Edgar in full any shortage in the weights of grain or hay received when the matter will be investigated and justice done. The circular follows: In recent years the practice of sacking grain and grain products in uniform weight packages has become so general, and found by the retailer to be so convenient, that now the custom has become firmly established. At first, these weights were established. At first, these weights were regular and correct, but as buyers became careless about weighing their grain, some shippers, presuming that the buyer would not reweigh, have been putting out short weight packages. The attention of this Ass'n, having been directed to the fact that many markets are resorting to this short weight practice, thereby enabling such dishonest dealers to sell at prices considerably under their honest competitors, who are giving their customers exactly the weight they sell, you are hereby earnestly urged to weigh a sufficient number of sacks of grain, chops, bran, mill-feed and bales of hay from whatever market it may come and assure yourself that you are getting absolutely every pound

NASHVILLE LETTER.

Nashville dealers feel very much gratified over the fact that Samuel G. Douglass, was so notably recognized at the session last week of the National Board of Trade at Washington.

The car situation here is now much better, and as a result the whole grain trade has vastly improved. Receipts in all kinds of grain have materially increased. There is a fine demand holding forth in the Southeast and local dealers are getting their share of the orders.

Corn is by far the strongest card in the trade here now, and both the supply and demand are very favorable. Corn receipts, which were very restricted at last writing, have begun to increase rapidly. A great deal of corn is being shipped into the southeast.

News has reached here of a remarkable instance of quick growth. J. B. Mc-Cutcheon, of Martsell, Ala., sowed a crop of oats on the first day of August and Dec. 5 he cut and saved a large crop of thoroughly matured oats. Local dealers

says this takes the cake for rapid action. Next!

Shelbyville, Tenn.—The retirement of W. M. Bryant of this place from business is considered quite an event in the grain circles of Tennessee. He has been assocated with the business for many years and is widely known all over the state. His retirement was caused by ill health and advancing years.—R. N. C.

TEXAS.

Texarkana, Tex.—Gaines & Edmiston have succeeded Gaines & Watson.

Harrold, Tex.—The John E. Burrage Grain Co., of Wichita Falls, will improve its eltr. W. C. Heath is not in the grain business.

Prosper, Tex.—The Prosper Grain & Mercantile Co. incorporated, \$15,000 capital stock. Incorporators, A. M. Burke, T. A. Rowe, W. E. Talkington, J. M. Coleman and W. P. Rorex.

Waxahachie, Tex.—The warehouse on the H. & T. C. Ry. operated by the Waxahachie Grain Co. burned Jan. 7 with about 60 tons of hay. Loss on contents, \$600; fully covered by insurance.

Galveston, Tex.—The Galveston record for loading and unloading was made Jan. 3, when 120 cars of corn, or 122,549 bus., were unloaded at Eltr. B in 10 hours, and 100,000 bus. were loaded on a vessel.

Fort Worth, Tex.—In reply to a request for their opinion on the advisability of giving 24 hours more time in addition to the 48 hours now allowed for the unloading of cars, Secy. H. B. Dorsey of the Texas Grain Dealers Ass'n has been informed by many members that they do not approve of the proposition, on which the State Railroad Commission gave a hearing Ian 16.

TEXAS LETTER.

Wichita Falls, Tex.—The Erwin & Wigham Grain Co. Jan. 16 suffered a slight loss by fire.

Cleburne, Tex.—Cyrus Bros., grain dealers, have filed a petition in bank-ruptcy.

Ft. Worth, Tex.—The Texas Millers Mutual Insurance Co. held its annual meeting in Ft. Worth Jan. 16. The old officers were re-elected. A statement of the affairs of the company was given out showing that it has over \$3,000,000 of insurance in force.—J. S. W.

UTAH.

Ogden, Utah.—The W. O. Kay Co. incorporated, \$50,000 capital stock, to do a general grain business. The officers of the company are: W. O. Kay, pres.; W. C. Howarth, vice-pres.; W. H. Barrett, secy.; C. M. Kay, treas.

WASHINGTON.

Ephrata, Wash.—J. T. Owens, agt. for the Wenatchee Milling Co., and Dwight Chaffee have applied for a site from the G. N. Ry. on which to build a grain warehouse. Application has also been made by Geo. E. Roberts, of Hartline, for a site for a warehouse. The Portland Milling Co. contemplates building warehouses and buying wheat at this point next season.

Walla Walla, Wash.—It is estimated that the bag output this year at the penitentiary will reach 2,000,000. It is expected that the price will be advanced considerably over \$5.85 per 100 f. o. b., for last year, because of the increased price of

raw material. Prices elsewhere last year ran as high as \$8.50. About 13,000,000 sacks are needed to supply the demand in this vicinity.

Seattle, Wash.—The wheat exporters and millers have asked the railroad commission for a joint rate to be established on wheat from the Palouse and other eastern Washington points to the Sound. This petition has been indorsed by every wheat exporter and wheat flour miller of every city on the Sound, and it is claimed that wheat can be delivered at Portland from O. R. & N. territory at 2 cents a bus. less than from the same section to the Sound.

Olympia, Wash.—The Northern Pacific Railway is said to have engaged in the grain business in order to compete with regular dealers for the contract awarded by the army quartermaster for 1,500 tons of oats. The Portland Chamber of Commerce has demanded an explanation from the railroad company. It is said the railroad company on these large contracts employs a confidential dummy to bid, and then buys the oats at Chicago and fills the order, receiving about 50 per cent of the published freight tariff on oats from Chicago to Seattle. The best rate obtainable by Portland bidders from the O. R. & N. was \$8 per ton from Missouri River points, but the successful Seattle bidder offered oats at a price indicating he was getting a rate of \$5 per ton.

WISCONSIN.

Beloit, Wis.—J. W. Prouty, a former well known grain dealer, died Jan. 11, aged 84 years.

Osceola, Wis.—The grain eltr. of the Osceola Mill & Eltr. Co. burned Jan. 17. Loss, \$15,000.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Geo. Cahill, formerly with the Franke Grain Co., has taken charge of the feed department of the Chas. A. Krause Grain Co.

Superior, Wis.—The first payment of fees by the railroads to the Wisconsin Grain & Warehouse Commission was madd Jan. 8. by the Northern Pacific, and amounted to \$25.60. John D. Shanahan, the New York member of the Commission, arrived on the same day for a brief conference with the local officials. The rumors that Mr. Shanahan will resign are denied. A commission firm of the Board of Trade is about to begin suit against the Great Northern Railroad to compel the receipt of a car of durum wheat. The Minnesota inspectors graded the car No. 2 with 9 pounds dockage, while the Wisconsin inspectors graded it No. 2 with 5 pounds dockage, The eltrs. having joined the railroads in the payment of fees the mills are the only interest holding out.

MILWAUKEE LETTER.

The latest sales of memberships in the Milwaukee Ch. of Com. have been at \$250 net to the buyer.

That the failure of the move to exclude country members from sharing in a division of commissions was a fortunate thing for this market, is evidenced by expressions from certain large shippers, who declare that, had the proposed rule been adopted they would have consigned every bus, of their grain elsewhere.

W. H. Dodsworth, gen. agt. of the C. M. & St. P. Ry., states that 15,000 of their cars have been tied up with grain awaiting unloading, particularly in the east; but the majority of these are now being

released and returned to the N. W. so that the shortage so long prevailing will soon be a thing of the past.

Some doubt is expressed here, albeit by a railroad, trolley and gas corporation attorney, as to the constitutionality of the Superior grain inspection law, as amended, on the ground that it interferes with interstate commerce, is ex parte legislation and applies to one section of the state exclusively. Doubtless he could think of other reasons; but meanwhile the Commission is making its authority felt.

It is getting to be that season of the year when buyers are not able to pick and choose at their own sweet pleasure, for offerings of grain are very light. Offgrades, and those that are not so far "off" as the upturned noses of millers; maltsters and shippers would lead one to infer, have, therefore, stood a better chance lately, and the market for all qualities is fairly good. Country dealers should make free use of mail samples before disposing of their grain on track bids at the usual terms, and by doing so they can pick up many an extra cent—possibly several cents—per bushel which would otherwise be lost to them.—C. T.

Imports and Exports of Hay.

Hay imports for the II months prior to Dec. I were 38,075 tons; compared with 563,498 tons for the same months of the preceding year.

Hay exports for the II months were 62,-961 tons; compared with 59,347 tons for the corresponding months of 1904. No foreign hay was exported during the

No foreign hay was exported during the II months; compared with 256 tons for the same period of 1904, as reported by O. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics.

Corn Oil and Cake Exports.

Exports of oil cake during the II months prior to Dec. I were 40,419,547 pounds of corn oil cake and 511,703,285 pounds of linseed oil cake; compared with 16,445,214 pounds of corn oil cake and 585,970,418 pounds of linseed oil cake for the same months of 1004.

Exports of corn oil for the 11 months were 3,029,943 gallons; compared with 2,-205,942 gallons for the same months of 1904, as reported by O. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics.

Imports and Exports of Beans and Peas.

Imports of beans and peas during 1905 prior to Dec. I were 399,366 bus.; compared with 610,517 bus. for the eleven months of 1904.

Exports of beans and peas for the III.

Exports of beans and peas for the II months were 351,383 bus.; compared with 216,638 bus. for the II months of 1904.

Exports of foreign beans and peas during the II months were 44,962 bus.; compared with 57,655 bus. for the same period of 1904, as reported by O. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics.

Clyde E. Leighty, a recent graduate from college and a resident of Lawrence County, Ill., has been appointed inspector of corn shipments by the U. S. government and will report on the condition of corn exported to Germany where he will be stationed, visiting the different ports where the corn arrives.

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Seeds

The Steele-Briggs Seed Co., of Winnipeg, Man., recently suffered loss by fire

The American Seed Trade Ass'n will hold its annual meeting the last week in June at Toledo, O.

Ft. Branch, Ind., Jan. 13.—Clover and grass being shipped in; good grades very scarce.—O. W. Leoffler, mgr., Ft. Branch

The Vogeler Seed & Produce Co., of Salt Lake, Utah, has recently completed its new seed warehouse and elevator.

H. B. McCullough, of J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., dealers in seeds, has been elected secy. of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

Atty.-Gen. Moody has given Secy. Wilson of the Dept. of Agri., an opinion that it is lawful for the head of that dept. to publish the names of dealers who sell adulterated seed.

The arbitration committee on grass and field seeds as appointed by the directors of the Chicago Board of Trade Jan. 16 for the ensuing year is composed of T. M. Hunter, F. E. Winans, Charles A. Heath, G. S. Green and A. L. Somers.

A seaboard seed dealer reports that his recent importations in car load quanti-ties are very foul. They are nearly all siftings or seed containing plenty of buckhorn; and it is hard to sell in competition with American seed.

A New York state dealer writes C. A. King & Co.: We are not buying much of any clover now, as the demand is very poor. The trade all seem to be afraid of the high prices and will not buy it until about the time they have to use it

No timothy seed or flaxseed were imported into the Philippine Islands during the 8 months prior to Sept. 1, 1905; compared with 550 pounds for the corresponding months of 1904, as reported by the War Department.

Cincinnati received during 1905 27,440 bags of clover seed, 41,018 bags of timothy seed, and 114,696 bags of other grass seed; compared with 29,278 bags of clover seed, 66,787 bags of timothy seed, and 84,-839 bags of other grass seed, during 1904.

Exports of clover seed from New York for the week ending Jan. 20 were 2,225 bags, against 4,415 the preceding week and 5,767 a year ago. In one day 3,000 bags were cleared from New York, divided between Hamburg and Hull; and much of this was said to be red clover from Can-

Seed exports during the II months prior to Dec. I were 4,953,205 pounds of clover seed, 1,070,771 bus. of flaxseed, 9,119,312 pounds of timothy seed and other grass seed valued at \$202,189; compared with 7,493,961 pounds of clover seed, 26,628 bus. of flaxseed, 12,547,719 pounds of timothy seed and other grass seed valued at \$243,843 for the same months of 1904, as reported by O. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics.

Cane seed is moving rather freely at Wichita, Kan, and the demand from Texas seems to be increasing. The seed this year is exceptionally good in quality. though the yield in some vicinities is very light. It is selling around \$1.00 to \$1.10

per cwt. f. o. b. shipping points, based on the rate of freight. Millet seed has com-menced moving, but the market East is not as good as in Texas, and little is heard of seed being shipped to Eastern

Seed receipts at Chicago for the week ending Jan. 20 were 308,250 pounds of timothy seed, 79,040 pounds of clover seed, 148,000 pounds of other grass seed and 16.800 bus. of flaxseed; compared with 394,040 pounds of timothy seed, 110,912 pounds of clover seed, 202,820 pounds of pounds of clover seed, 792,830 pounds of other grass seed and 18,000 bus. of flaxother grass seed and 15,000 bus. of nax-seed for the corresponding week of 1905. Shipments for the week ending Jan. 20 were 234,580 pounds of timothy seed, 183,-578 pounds of clover seed, 262,983 pounds of other grass seed and 2,190 bus. of flax-seed; compared with 469,345 pounds of timothy seed, 68,664 pounds of clover seed, 799,171 pounds of other grass seed and 2,137 bus. of flaxseed for the corresponding week of last year

Imports and Exports of Rice.

Imports of rice and rice products for the 11 months prior to Dec. 1 amounted to 38,162,069 pounds of rice and 57,609,194 pounds of rice flour, rice meal and broken rice; compared with 58,219,940 pounds of rice and 71,221,637 pounds of rice flour, rice meal and broken rice for the same period of the preceding year.

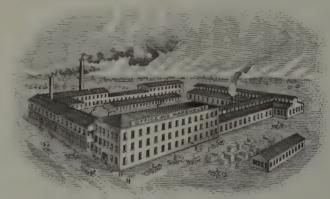
The Growth of a Successful Elevator Supply House.

Nearly half a century ago was established in the thriving village of Sidney, Shelby County, Ohio, a foundry business which has grown to large proportions, although confined to special lines during recent years. In the early days of this business the grain the early days of this business the grain warehouse was a very small affair and few of them contained any grain elevating or conveying machin-

ery.
Under the supervision of the founder,
Philip Smith, the business grew and was extended to new and distant territory. extended to new and distant territory. Finally the business was incorporated as The Philip Smith Co., the officers being Philip Smith, Pres., Frank Lucas, Vicepres., and B. D. Heck, Secy. and Treas. Thru this infusion of new and young blood into the old established concern the business was further extended and pushed more vigorously than ever, with the natural result of a large increase in sales. From time to time its factory was sales. From time to time its factory was enlarged until now its main building, adjoining the old machine shop is 100 x 40 ft., two stories high.

Another three-story brick building, 60

Another three-story brick building, 60 x 80 ft., is used as a wood-working department and the foundry occupies a large building 80 x 120 ft., with an "L" 40 x 60 ft. All buildings are well equipped and ample room is provided for



The Plant of the Philip Smith Co., Sidney, Ohio.

Exports of rice and rice products for the 11 months were 63,530,592 pounds of rice and 31,700,668 pounds of rice bran, meal and polish; compared with 7,994,324 pounds of rice bran, meal and polish for the corresponding months of 1904.

Exports of foreign rice and rice prod-Exports of foreign rice and rice products were 8,622,639 pounds of rice and 10,200 pounds of rice flour, rice meal and broken rice; compared with 9,614,230 pounds of rice, but no rice products, for the corresponding months of 1904, as reported by O. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics bureau of statistics.

The consumption of linseed oil cake in the United Kingdom for the past 5 years has averaged 470,000 tons annually

Under the provisions of the irrigation law of 1901 the proceeds of the sale of public lands, \$37,000,000, will be available for irrigation work in 1908.

the storage of finished products, so that the work of the entire plant is greatly facilitated and the cost of production reduced to a minimum. A number of new machines have been added to the plant during the last year and it is now betduring the last year and it is now better equipped than ever to turn out more and better machines, and the workmanship on all is of better finish. All kinds of elevating and grinding machinery, corn shellers, grain cleaners, drags, dumps, conveyors, elevator appliances and supplies of all kinds are made.

Altho Philip Smith is still identified with the business that bears his name, but in a port well advanced in wears and is

he is now well advanced in years and is leaving the active management of the business in the hands of younger men.

The American Malt Co. has been incorporated at Hartford, Conn., to succeed the American Malting Co. in the readjustment of the capitalization of the latter.

Crop Reports

INDIANA. Ft. Eranch: The growing crop of wheat is looking fine; high water has done the only damage so far. O. W. Loeffler, mgr. Ft. Branch Eltr. Co.

IOWA. Dixon: Most of the barley has gone. Lots of corn left but not many oats. John Dammann & Co.

KANSAS. Severance: The growing wheat made very little growth last fall and it can hardly be seen now. Not so much sowed as usual as the oat area of last spring was not large and the corn which was planted was blown down and not much was cut, leaving but little acreage for wheat. Most of last year's crop has been shipped; more than ever

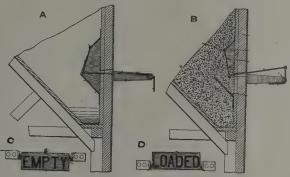
edly and grain dealers are not expecting a scarcity by any means. R. N. C.

TEXAS. Dallas: All the reports received here, on the grain situation, are of the most encouraging nature showing that the grain is making a splendid stand and has good prospects for the spring harvest. J. S. W.

Indicator for Bins.

To enable a person at a distance from a bin to determine at a glance whether the bin is full or empty is the object of an invention by Peter Swanson of Soudan, Minn.

As shown in the engraving herewith the device is attached to the wall of the bin, thru a hole in which projects a rod. The rod is attached at one end to a pivoted plate against which the grain presses, pushing the rod out. The outer



Indicator for Bins.

before at this time of the year. A great deal of the corn was sold out of the field; some farmers received as high as 44 cents for early white corn. Farmers commenced feeding new corn very early. Many hogs were fed but not many eattle. The roads are bad and not much grain will move until May, unless it sells from 5 to 10 cents higher a bu. Not much old wheat left and corn is about half gone. Oats were scarce. John Ebeling, for Ebeling & Laverentz.—Norton: The winter has been very mild so far and the crop prospect seems very favorable for next season. The past season was a bumper for all kinds of grain. Both wheat and corn are moving freely while roads are good. D. F. Logan, agt. Home Grain Co.

Grain Co.

KENTUCKY. Adairville: The growing crop of wheat is now in fairly good condition, altho it did not advance as much as was expected during the growing weather. Practically all the wheat now remaining in the farmers' hands from last year's crop will be delivered in another month. The price paid remains firm at 90 cents. W. B. England & Son. OHIO. Miller City: The corn crop was exceedingly good; far better than that of the preceding season. N. L. Miller, agt. R. Turner & Son.

OKLAHOMA. Covinston: The grow-

ler, agt. R. Turner & Son.

OKLAHOMA. Covington: The growing wheat is in fine condition; not as many acres sown as last season; held ground back for corn and oats. G. C. Black.—Mountain View: Wheat is looking fine and the weather is favorable; plenty of rain. Quite an acreage of wheat was sown late but with the fine rains we are having think it will come out all right. Corn is coming to market slowly; prices are firm but farmers are holding for higher prices. No oats on the market at present, the bulk of the oat crop being in the farmers' hands, and they are holding for higher prices. D. E. McBride, mgr. Chickasha Milling Co.

TENNESSEE. Nashville: It is found that the acreage of wheat sown in this state this season is only about 2-3 of that of 1904, notwithstanding the fact that it has been stated repeatedly that the wheat crop this year would not only equal, but probably exceed that of last year. The crop is a large one undoubt-

end of the rod is attached to a pivoted angle plate, one angle bearing the word "Empty" and the other angle the word "Loaded," as at C and D in the engraving. The positions of the device empty and loaded are shown at A and

The pivoted plate is inclosed in a housing to give room for the outward swing. As soon as the grain has been drawn out of the bin the indicator will return to its normal position. Letters patent No. 805,102 upon this device have been granted.

Exports.

Buckwheat exports during the 11 months of 1905 prior to Dec. 1 were 451,-227 bus.; compared with 103,943 bus. for the eleven months of 1904.

Broom corn exports for the II months

Broom corn exports for the 11 months were valued at \$207,116; compared with \$190,229 for the eleven months of 1904.

Malt exports for the 11 months were \$85,887 bus.; compared with 440,829 bus. for the corresponding months of 1904.

Glucose exports for the 11 months were

Glucose exports for the 11 months were 163,329,976 pounds; compared with 149,-842,345 pounds for the eleven months of 1904, as reported by O. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics.

A good roads train will be run over the Alton system in Illinois beginning Feb. 12 and continuing 2 weeks.

"We aint hed no hard times since '79" said Farmer Corntossel. "Why, dast it, in the '79 panic them Board of Trade fellers all clipped their mustaches off close so's they could smoke their cigars shorter."

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Grain Carriers

The Wabash is having 2,000 cars built. Cars are said to be in better supply on roads east of Chicago.

The Indiana Harbor Railroad, Chicago to Danville, Ill., has just been opened for

The Union Pacific branch from Menoken to Onaga, Kan., 37 miles, was completed Jan. 14, and will be extended 48 miles to Marysville.

Commerce fear that railway rate regula-tion eventually will result in fixing rates on a mileage basis.

Thos. W. Kennedy, supt. of the grain and elevator interests of the Lake Carriers Ass'n at Buffalo, N. Y., has been reappointed for the season of 1906.

The Pacific Ry. Co. of Washington has changed its name to Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Co. of Washington and will build from Seattle and Tacoma easterly 300 miles.

The Michigan Millers Ass'n on Jan. 17 adopted resolutions at its meeting at Lansing heartily approving the recommendations of Pres. Roosevelt on railway rate regulation.

The Minnesota, Dakota & Pacific Ry. o. has been incorporated at Watertown, S. D., to construct the 50-mile extension of the Minneapolis & St. Louis from that place to Spink County.

Representative Hogg of Colorado has introduced a bill providing for a transportation commission and a court of transportation, resembling in many points the Grosscup plan of rate regulation.

Immunity from prosecution for granting rebates is demanded by John N. Faithorn, Fred A. Wann and the Chicago & Alton Railroad on the ground that the government holds evidence of rebating in the shape of records of the road and no person can be compelled to give evidence against himself.

Allegations that the big manufacturing trusts are permitted to hold cars without the payment of the demurrage exacted from small shippers are supported by the suits to recover \$84,000 brot by 6 railroad companies against the Illinois Northern The defendant road is a side track of a trust at Chicago.

In the case of the Dewey Bros. Co. against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad the Interstate Commerce Commission decided that the overcharges on shipments of hay from points in Ohio to points in North Carolina entitle the shippers to reparation, but that in view of the meager evidence offered the case may be reopened.

Grain elevators have been erected at several points on the extension of the Great Northern from Sioux City to Ashland, Neb., 103 miles, in advance of the opening of the road South of Sioux City. The following stations are open for business: Dakota City, Homer, Winnebago and Walthill. Track has been laid from Ashland north to the Platte River.

Herbert Bradley, traffic manager of the Millers National Federation, after attending the several conferences with the railroads, has issued the following circular: "The Shippers' committee insists that the railroads shall carry their full common law liability, and cannot modify their demands. The committee are still working together to devise some means of obtaining a satisfactory B-L. In the meantime, the non-negotiability of the documents is waived provided that Bs-L are consigned 'to order.' We would therefore impress upon all shippers the importance of not accepting the new uniform B-L on the same basis as heretofore has prevailed, and under no condition to sign any receipt or B-L."

The Wabash on Jan. 13 issued an ex port corn tariff minimum weight marked capacity of car from Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs from beyond 23 cents to Boston and New York, and 22 cents to Philadelphia, effective Jan. 18. Other roads were expected to follow but have declined, hoping for a satisfactory division of the rate between lines east and west of Chicago. The Wabash is the only road having its own rails from Omaha to Buffalo. The western roads refuse to accept the 7 cents remaining after f. o. b.

Movement of Grain in 1905.

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The Wheat Convention at Pullman. Wash.

A permanent organization to be known as the Grain Producers, Shippers & Millers Ass'n of Washington is the result of

lers Ass'n of Washington is the result of a meeting of grain men and growers held under the auspices of the State College of Washington at Pullman Jan. 11-12.

The following officers were elected: Pres., R. C. McCroskey, Garfield; vice pres., A. J. Stone, Rosalia; secy., S. C. Armstrong, Colfax; treas., M. H. House, Pomeroy; executive com., E. E. Elliott, Fullman; J. W. Frye, Davenport; L. T. Bibb, Tacoma. The executive committee were instructed to frame by-laws and a constitution, to be submitted to the conconstitution, to be submitted to the convention which will meet again in Jan. 1907 at the state college in Pullman.

The meeting is an innovation kind, the convention consisting of about 600 representatives from those interested in the grain industry from production to the distribution of its manufactured prod-

At the opening session, State Grain Inspector J. T. Arrasmith read a paper on, "Shall We Have a New System of Grading Wheat"?, which attracted much favor-

The urgency of procuring and using pure seed received much attention in discussions at the meeting and especially in papers by Professors C. W. Lawrence and Geo. Severance of the state college.

The question of handling grain in bulk or bags was ably discussed by D. B. Putman and C. S. Armstrong. A paper on "Handling in Bulk" by W. H. Richardson was read by Professor Elliott.

In the address of W. H. Reed of Ta-

coma the following statements were made in regard to the usage of bags in marketing grain: "If the terminal warehouses sacked the grain the farmer would, on this year's crop, save the following items on sacks: Sack importers' profit. \$70,000; freight on sacks to eastern Washington, \$105,000; profit to the eastern Washington, sack dealer, \$70,000; freight on the sacks containing grain back to tidewater, \$22,000; add the sack weight dockage graft of \$105,000 and you have a grand total of \$372,000 that might be saved in one year. Is the Washington farmer so plethoric with money that such an amount isn't worth his saving? When the isthmian canal is finished cargoes will certainly not go in sacks, and he can then save that amount plus the cost to the importer of sacks, say 5 cents each, or on 14,000,000 sacks. \$700,000 more, making a grand total of \$1,072,000 in a single year. But in the meantime, during the next 10 years while the canal is building, why not save the \$372,000 a year, making \$3,729,000 in these to years?'

The convention approved the request of the Washington State college for more land for its experiment station farm, and asked the legislature to pass an appropriation for about 240 acres additional, adjoining the college farm.

The second resolution endorsed the Adams bill, now before congress, asking for increased appropriation for experimental stations in the United States.

The evening's program consisted of an address by Judge B. S. Grosscup, atty. for the Northern Pacific, on, "The Relation Which Should Exist Between Common Carriers and Producers," and an address by L. T. Bibb on "The Milling of Wheat."

At the second day's sessions Prof. R. Kent Beattie continued his paper on "Smut" showing the methods of the state college to destroy and prevent it.

S. S. King, deputy state grain inspector, in his paper on "State Grain Inspection" stated that half the crop needed cleaning and that from \$275,000 to \$300,000 could be saved to the farmers annually

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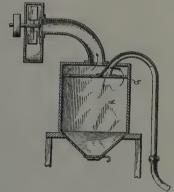
Other papers and addresses on the second day's program were: "The Milling of Wheat," Samuel Glasgow, Spokane. "Factors Influencing the Milling Qualities of Wheat," Prof. R. W. Thatcher, Chemist, State Experiment Station. "The Future Market Place and Price for Wheat," Hon. Miles C. Moore, Walla Walla

"The World's Distribution of Wheat."
Prof. W. G. Beach, State College.
"The Relation Between the Government and the Farmer," Prof. E. E. Elliott, Agriculturist, State College.

It was announced at the conclusion of the convention that the proceedings would be printed in pamphlet and distributed to the members with the compliments of the millers, warehousemen and exporters of the state.

Pneumatic Grain Elevator.

The pneumatic grain elevator illustrated in the engraving herewith is the invention of Samuel Olson of Chicago, Ill., who has been granted letters patent No.



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Supply Trade

The Foos Gas Engine Co., of Springfield, O., is running its plant until 9 p. m. to meet the demand for engines.

C. P. Blackburn & Co., of Baltimore, Md., are sending friends an art calendar with a painting in colors of "The Harvest

Judgment has been obtained against the Ft. Dearborn Belting & Supply Co., of Chicago, of which Elmer E. Bast was manager during its short business career.

F. W. and Otto Lehrack have formed the firm of Otto Lehrack & Co., at Kansas City, Mo., to build grain elevators and handle the McVicker Gasoline En-

Arthur J. Magnus, vice pres. of the A. Magnus & Sons Co., dealers in brewers supplies, at Chicago, Ill., shot and killed himself Jan. 23, while despondent over poor health.

The Automatic Scale Co. has been incorporated at Alton, Ill. The capital stock is \$25,000; and the incorporators are Frank R. Davis, J. W. Ford and Louis Flack.

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D. H. Cramer, elevator builder, of Omaha, Neb., has not been seen since his mysterious disappearance Nov. 12, and friends are becoming alarmed for his safety. His principal creditors are dealers in lumber and machinery.

Threat of criminal prosecution has led the Chicago bankers to rescind one of their rules penalizing banks who do not make the charge for collecting out of town checks. The exorbitant tax is still in force, however, and customers of Chi-cago firms will confer a favor by remit-ting Chicago drafts instead of local checks.

A new class of advertising agent has arisen, who takes his work seriously as a profession, who feels that it consists of something more than the brokerage of space, that he is the confidential employee of his client, and that it is his business to bring his client's goods to the attention of the public, after earnest study, and in such a way as to increase that client's

The Sleepy Eye Dry Process Co. has been formed at Sleepy Eye, Minn., to sell rights to use a method of cleaning smutty wheat without washing. The process is said to be entirely new, and is an auxiliary to present grain cleaning machinery. The president of the company is W. R. Reid, of Sleepy Eye, the inventor, A. C. Von Hagen, secy. and managing director, and Geo. W. Somerville, treas

An exorbitant charge for the collection of out of town checks has been instituted by banks represented in the Chicago clearing house, and some shippers contemplate having their eastern collections made by eastern banks.

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Supreme Court **Decisions**

A contract to submit questions in dispute to the arbitrament of persons or tribunals other than the regularly organized courts are valid and enforceable.-Pacaud v. Waite. Supreme Court of Illinois, 75 N. E. 779.

A contract limiting the liability of a carrier must be supported by a consideration other than the delivery of the goods and the agreement to transport.-Chicago I. & L. Ry. Co. v. Hare. Supreme Court of Indiana. 75 N. E. 866.

Where the president of the Board of Trade is made a party, as a representative of the board, to a suit involving the validity of by-laws of the board, he may prosecute an appeal from a decision adverse to the validity of such by-laws. Pacaud v. Waite. Supreme Court of Illinois. 75 N. E. 779.

Where the seller shipped the goods with a B-L providing for delivery to consignee on payment of the draft attached, it is prima facie evidence of a reservation of title and right to the goods until payment of the draft, and the buyer obtains no right to possession by tender of less than the amount called for by the draft.—

Greenwood Grocery Co. v. Canadian County Co ty Mill & Elevator Co. Supreme Court of South Carolina. 52 S. E. 191.

Where a carrier had no authority from connecting carriers to contract for through shipments except by a certain route, a shipper contracting for through shipment could not recover damages to the ship-ment occasioned by their having gone that way instead of another, as requested; he knowing the limitation of the carrier's authority.—Houston & T. C. R. Co. v. Everett. Supreme Court of Texas. 89 S. W. 761.

Acts 1899, p. 214, § 125, is entitled "An act to prescribe the parties to and venue of suits against railroad corporations

* * * over whose * * * lines, or
parts thereof, any freight * * * has
been carried"; and section I provides that whenever any freight has been transported over two or more railroads operating within the state and having an agent in the state, etc., suit for damage arising out of such transportation may be brought against one or all of such railroad corporbrought ations in any county in which either of the roads extend or is operated, provided that, if damages are recovered against more than one carrier not partners in the shipment, they shall be apportioned, etc. Held, that such act did not affect the validity of a contract limiting a carrier's liability with reference to an interstate shipment to its own line, nor affect the rights of the parties thereunder.—Missouri K. & T. Ry. Co. of Tex. v. Elliott & Dial. Supreme Court of Texas. 89 S. W. 767.

Suit to recover \$635 lost in the purchase Suit to recover \$035 lost in the purchase of wheat on margins was brot by the guardian of Roy L. Braucht against the Graves-May Co., of Minneapolis, Minn., and the evidence was heard by two juries, both deciding that the deal was not a gambling transaction. Judge Elliott of the Minnesota Supreme Court, recently in deciding an appeal affirmed the prior dedeciding an appeal, affirmed the prior de-

cision of the lower court, which had in-structed the jury that "The evidence is conclusive that the plaintiff was an infant during the time covered by his dealings with the defendant, that he paid to and deposited the money with the defendant, and that he attempted to rescind, and did in fact demand that his money be returned to him. But these facts, standing alone, do not entitle him as a matter of law to the return of his money. Whether he is entitled to a return of the money depends upon the character of the contract between him and the defendant, a matter which was at issue."—104 N. W. 1089.

Bank Cannot Sell Grain Without Notice to Owner.

Joseph Gregg, grain shipper of Chicago, Ill., sent three carloads of corn to J. D. Miot, a grain broker of Columbia, S. C., and made separate drafts on him with Bs-L attached for each car of corn, amounting to \$1,238, in favor of Wanzer & Co., of Chicago. The latter advanced to Gregg the amount of the drafts and in turn placed the drafts to their own credit with the American Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. This bank sent the drafts and Bs-L to the Bank of Columbia, with and Bs-L to the Bank of Columbia, with instructions to collect and remit proceeds for its credit to National Bank of the Republic in New York. Across the left end of each of the drafts was the following instruction: "Do not surrender documents until draft is paid. If not paid promptly notify ———, Chicago, giving reasons and hold for instructions." The Bank of Columbia received the papers on June 7. lumbia received the papers on June 7, 1901, and after several refusals by Miot to accept or pay the drafts, returned them to the Chicago bank. A second time they were sent for collection, and returned after a like unsuccessful effort to collect Upon receiving them a third time, after again presenting them to Miot, the Bank of Columbia sold the corn to a third party on July 25, 1901, for the face of the drafts, storage charges, and freight, and remitted National Bank of the Republic for credit of American Trust & Savings Bank.

Gregg had no notice of the sale until re-ceipt of a letter from Miot, dated August 7, 1901, advising of his inability to deliver a carload of corn he had contracted to sell, because all the corn had been already sold by the Bank of Columbia. In the meantime corn had advanced in price

In affirming the decision of the lower court in favor of Gregg, awarding him the difference between the price realized and the market price, the Supreme Court

of South Carolina recently said:
"If Gregg sold the corn to Miot on condition that he should pay the amount of the drafts as the purchase price, as the defendant contends he did, then he was bound to take the price agreed upon from Miot, notwithstanding a rise in the price of corn, but the Bank of Columbia had no or corn, but the Bank of Columbia had no right to bind him to sell to another at the same price or at any price. While the bank of Columbia no doubt acted in good faith, the documents in its hands afforded no justification for the sale of the

"But the most serious question is whether the plaintiff could maintain an action for conversion, even if it is conceded he had not parted entirely with the ownership of the corn, but merely pledged it for money borrowed from Wanzer & Co.

by indorsing the Bs-L. The defendant made this question by a motion for nonmade this question by a motion for non-suit and by appropriate requests to charge. The ordinary relation of pledgor and pledgee imports general ownership of the pledge by the pledgor, and a special prop-erty or lien of the pledgee accompanying the possession. Since an interest in property is not sufficient to sustain an action for conversion, unless there is also the right to possession, and since that right is in the pledgee and not the pledgor, the latter cannot, as a general rule, maintain such an action until his right of possession has been regained by payment or tender of the debt secured by the pledge and demand for the return of the property. There was no proof in this case that plaintiff made a tender to Wanzer & Co., or the Chicago bank, or the defendant, or that he demanded a return of the property from any of them. There was evidence, how-ever, to the effect that the defendant paid Wanzer & Co.'s debt to the Chicago bank, which credited the amount to Wanzer & Co. and thus paid the debt of the plaintiff to that firm. The payment was made by remitting the proceeds of the alleged unauthorized sale, and manifestly, if the plaintiff had with knowledge of the conversion acquiesced in this application of the proceeds for his benefit, he would be held to ratify the sale. But, as we have seen, there was evidence that the plaintiff did not know until after the 7th of August of the sale, which had been made on the 25th of July. When the defendant gave notice it had sold the corn, this was notice it was out of its power, or that of the Chicago bank, or Wanzer & Co., to surrender to plaintiff."—52 S. E. 195.

National Board Meeting.

The National Board of Trade met in Washington Jan. 16 for the opening sessions of its 36th annual meeting. Among questions under consideration at the meeting, besides over 100 resolutions adopted by constituent bodies and presented to the national organization for discussion and national organization for discussion and action, the assembly had on program the problems of railroad transportation, consular service, postal affairs, federal control of interstate insurance, tariff and reciprocity, national bankruptcy and a national versa food.

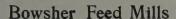
tional pure food law.

The resolution adopted by the National Board on railway rate regulation is a compromise. While recommending that rebates and discriminations be prohibited and punished the means suggested are objected to by advocates of regulation. After complaint of an excessive rate has been made by the Interstate Commerce Commission to a court the Commission shall not have power to compel the substitution of a reasonable rate until the court has given a decision; and even then the Na-tional Board recommended right to appeal to a higher court. This compromise was advocated by a director of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

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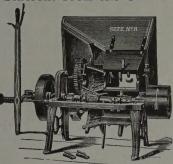
This idea that seems to take possession of every great capitalist to have a big quantity of future-contract wheat and to have the whole market to himself is the thing that has defeated every one of them: there has been no exception to this case: he could buy wheat, but find no one to sell it to.—E. W. Wagner.

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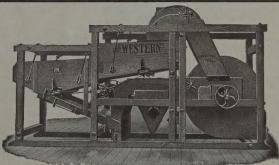
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High Tension Current Distributor for Internal Combustion Engines. No. 809, 453. L. J. Le Pontois, New Rochelle, N. Y., assignor to Poly-Phase Ignition System Co., of New York.

Combined Sparker and Governor for Gas Engine. No. 809,560. David F. Graham and Frank A. Fox, Stamford, Conn., assignors to the Eisenhuth Horseless Vehicle Co., Middletown, Conn.

Portable Grain Elevator. No. 809,373. (see cut) David C. Hof and Chas. F. Ladwig, Nora Springs, Ia. The receiving section has above it a two-part hopper the parts being capable of pivotal movement

Conveyor. No. 810,149. (see cut) Geo. C. Horst, Columbus, O., assignor to Jos. A. Jeffrey, Columbus. The flight has its clamp or attachment formed in halves to form a bend of the cable therein in combination with a detachable scraper. The hub part is shaped to engage with the heads of the bolts and prevent them from turning when the flight is secured in place.

Grain Door. No. 810,267. (see cut) Jos. E. Drake, Blue Rapids, Kan. Fixed upon the door is a supporting member movable thru and rotatable in a hollow guide extending longitudinally of the car above the opening. The door comprises a frame having side members and a cross bar with ends projecting. A lower fixed door section is secured to the side members of the frame at one side of the cross bar, the upper door section being hinged at its upper edge to the frame.

Conveyor. No. 809,316. (see cut) John W. Mackin, Chicago, Ill., assignor to Chester T. Drake, Chicago. Guide wheels at top and bottom of a frame and located out of vertical alinement carry an endless conveyor comprising buckets and intermediate plates having overlapping edges, the tops of the buckets being flush with the surface of intermediate plates. The lower edge of the supply hopper terminates adjacent to the conveyor and lies below the axis of the lower guide wheels.

Automatic Speed Regulator for Internal Combustion Engines. No. 809,771. (see cut) John G. Callan, Lynn, Mass., assignor to General Electric Co., New York. This device has a two-fold control of the speed, first by progressively reducing the charges of explosive mixture to a predetermined point, and, second, delaying the ignition of the charges simultaneously. A variable cut-off valve gear supplies the combustible and an adjustable sparking device ignites the charge.

Portable Grain Elevator and Conveyor. No. 810,010. (see cut) Gustave Wenzelmann and Edward H. Overholt, Streator, Ill., assignors to the Wenzelmann Mfg. Co. A frame supported on wheels has at one end a main driving sprocket shaft to which is pivoted a metallic elevator trough containing endless chains provided

with lags. A receiving conveyor is pivoted on the lower end of the elevator to turn upwardly into it, the conveyor comprising a sheet metal box open at the top.

Bean Cleaning and Polishing Machine. No. 810,009. (see cut) Ernest E. Wemp, Oxford, Mich. From a multiple feed hoper the beans pass to a horizontal conveyor, are polished, then separated from the polishing agent by a screen fed by a vertical conveyor. The beans are discharged thru chutes and the polishing agent is returned back to the conveyors by other chutes. After the first polishing the beans are returned by a chute for a second passage thru the polishing agent.

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end of the inclined elevator rests on a
wheeled truck and the upper end is sus-

tained by the storehouse.

Delay in Paying Draft Canceled Contract.

The decision of the Shawnee County district court in the suit of the Taylor Grain Co. against the Bennett Commission Co. was recently reversed by the Supreme Court of Kansas.

The Bennett Commission Co, sold the Taylor Grain Co, 10,000 bus, of corn on a contract providing that each car was to be paid for upon presentation of draft accompanied by B-L and certificates of

weight and grade.

One of the drafts made by the Bennett Commission Co. was presented by the Merchants National Bank of Topeka, but not paid during business hours that day and at the end of the day the bank required Bennett to take up the draft. Thereupon the Bennett Commission Co. took the position that the terms of the contract had not been complied with and declined to deliver more corn to the Taylor Grain Co. The latter brot suit to com-

pel enforcement of contract.

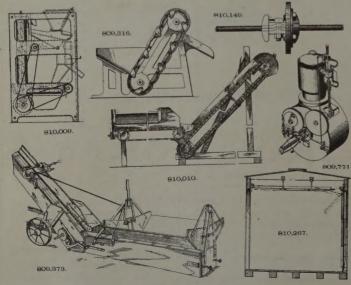
The Supreme Court said it was error for the court to instruct the jury that if the buyer on the following day tendered to the seller the amount of the draft and requested delivery of the B-L and certificates and the seller refused, the neglect of the buyer to take up the draft on presentation was not a forfeiture of the contract, and the seller would be liable for damages for non-delivery of the corn. Further, if the draft was not paid on that day, it became dishonored and would be charged back to the account of the drawer. In this case, after dishonor, the drawer was requested to take up the draft, which he did, and the B-L which was the title to the corn, was returned to him. Thereafter he was not required to hold the corn subject to any subsequent order of the Taylor Grain Co., but might immediately dispose of it. The Taylor Grain Co having failed to meet its obligation under the contract, forfeited all right to insist upon delivery of the corn, or to recover damages for non-delivery.

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